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1                   [The Board of Supervisors did not meet in  
2                   closed session Tuesday, July 26, 2005.]

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6   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS  
7 MORNING'S MEETING. IF I COULD ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE FIND A  
8 SEAT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. THIS MORNING, OUR INVOCATION  
9 WILL BE LED BY PASTOR ROGER R. WADE, WHO IS WITH THE NORMANDIE  
10 AVENUE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND  
11 OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY MR. SMITH, WHO WILL  
12 LEAD US IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. IF YOU WOULD ALL PLEASE  
13 STAND. PASTOR?

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15 **PASTOR ROGER R. WADE:** LET US PRAY. OH LORD, WE THANK YOU THIS  
16 DAY FOR A NEW DAY. WE THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. WE ASK  
17 FOR YOUR GUIDANCE TODAY. WE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF THIS  
18 LEGISLATIVE BODY, WE PRAY FOR THEIR FAMILIES, WE PRAY FOR THE  
19 COMMUNITIES THEY REPRESENT. WE ASK, AS THEY CONDUCT THE  
20 BUSINESS BEFORE THEM TODAY, THEIR MINDS WOULD BE CLEAR AND  
21 THEIR DECISIONS BE FAIR. OH LORD, WATCH OVER THIS COUNTY AND  
22 ITS RESIDENTS. MAY WE ALL LIVE IN HARMONIOUS EXISTENCE. MAY WE  
23 RECOGNIZE THE GREAT POTENTIAL IN EACH OF US AND MAY WE VALUE  
24 THIS GREAT POTENTIAL THROUGH THE RELATIONSHIPS OF OUR FAMILIES  
25 AND FRIENDS. THESE THINGS WE DO ASK. AMEN.



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2 **MR. SMITH:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND  
3 JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG. [ PLEDGE OF  
4 ALLEGIANCE ]

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PASTOR, IF YOU'LL-- OH. MS. BURKE HAS JUST  
7 JOINED US.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE WANT TO WELCOME PASTOR WADE, WHO WAS BORN  
10 IN THE ISLAND OF TRINIDAD AND IS EDUCATED IN NEW YORK AND  
11 MARYLAND. HE HAS A DEGREE IN MINISTERIAL THEOLOGY FROM OAKWOOD  
12 COLLEGE IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA. PASTOR WADE'S PASSION FOR THE  
13 YOUTH HAS LED HIM TO WORK IN YOUTH MINISTRIES FOR THE PAST 25  
14 YEARS. IN 2005, PASTOR WADE BECAME PASTOR OF THE NORMANDIE  
15 AVENUE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES. HE HAS  
16 WRITTEN MANY ARTICLES FOR NUMEROUS YOUTH MINISTRY'S  
17 PUBLICATIONS. HE SERVES AS A CONSULTANT WITH THE NORTH  
18 AMERICAN DIVISION OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST YOUTH MINISTRIES  
19 DEPARTMENT AND THE BLACK ADVENTIST YOUTH DIRECTORS  
20 ASSOCIATION. HE'S MARRIED AND HAS ONE SON. THANK YOU SO MUCH  
21 FOR JOINING US HERE TODAY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, PASTOR. I'M GOING TO ASK OUR  
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
2 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 8 AND WE'LL TAKE UP THE PUBLIC  
3 HEARING ITEMS AFTER THE BOARD'S PRESENTATIONS.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 9 THROUGH 18.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 19 AND 20.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE, ITEM 21.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
21 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEMS 22  
24 AND 23. ON ITEM NUMBER 22, HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ON  
25 ITEM NUMBER 23, HOLD THIS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BUT IT



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1 ALSO INCLUDES THE REVISION AND SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
2 RECOMMENDATION, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO WE'LL HOLD BOTH OF THOSE  
5 ITEMS.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COUNTY COUNSEL. ON ITEM 24, WE'LL HOLD  
8 THIS TO TAKE UP WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 8.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HUMAN RESOURCES, ITEM 25.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEM 26.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEM 27.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
25 SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION, ITEMS 28 AND 29.  
3 ON ITEM NUMBER 29, WE'LL HOLD THIS TO BE TAKEN UP WITH PUBLIC  
4 HEARING ITEM NUMBER 8.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON ITEM NUMBER 28, MOVED BY  
7 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF  
8 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
11 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
12 OFFICER WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
13 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM  
14 30-A.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 30-B.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
22 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON  
23 THAT ITEM.

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1    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
2    BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
3    DISTRICT NO. 1.

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5    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THIS MORNING, WE ARE WELCOMING  
6    A NEW MEMBER, OUR CONSUL-GENERAL FROM SPAIN, THE HONORABLE  
7    INOCENCIO F. ARIAS. CONSUL-GENERAL ARIAS HOLDS A DEGREE IN LAW  
8    AND JOINED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1967. PRIOR TO COMING TO  
9    LOS ANGELES, HE WAS THE AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT  
10   REPRESENTATIVE OF SPAIN AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND SERVED  
11   PREVIOUSLY AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL  
12   COOPERATION. DURING HIS 30 YEARS, HE WORKED AT THE MINISTRY OF  
13   FOREIGN AFFAIRS. CONSUL-GENERAL ARIAS WAS THE CHIEF SPOKESMAN  
14   AND MINISTER FOR THREE DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTS. THROUGHOUT HIS  
15   DIPLOMATIC CAREER, HE HAS BEEN POSTED IN BOLIVIA, ALGERIA,  
16   PORTUGAL AND NEW YORK. THE CONSUL-GENERAL WAS A PROFESSOR AT  
17   TWO UNIVERSITIES IN MADRID AND HAS WORKED ON RADIO,  
18   TELEVISION, AS WELL AS FEATURE FILMS. WE ARE PLEASED TO  
19   WELCOME CONSUL-GENERAL ARIAS. WE WANT TO MAKE A PRESENTATION  
20   OF THIS PLAQUE IN HONOR OF YOUR POSTING HERE IN LOS ANGELES,  
21   AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY,  
22   WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL CALL ON US IF THERE'S EVER ANY KIND OF  
23   NEED OR SERVICE. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, SIR. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **THE HONORABLE INOCENCIO F. ARIAS:** CHAIR MOLINA, SUPERVISORS,  
2   LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I THINK YOU HAVE A FANTASTIC COUNTY AND  
3   A FANTASTIC CITY WHERE THEY GIVE YOU THE DISTINCTION BEFORE  
4   YOU START TO WORK BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN HERE ONLY TWO WEEKS. I  
5   AM DEEPLY SATISFIED AND EVEN HONORED TO BE HERE AND I SAY THAT  
6   NOT BECAUSE MY ANCESTORS CAME HERE [INAUDIBLE] EVERYBODY KNOWS  
7   THAT, NOT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS THE  
8   BIGGEST IN THE WORLD AND THE MOST POWERFUL FROM MANY POINTS OF  
9   VIEW BUT I THINK I AM VERY SATISFIED AND PROUD TO BE HERE  
10   BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE. I HAVE BEEN HERE 17 DAYS AND I HAVE  
11   SEEN THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES WHO ARE ENERGETIC, ACTIVE,  
12   HOSPITABLE AND SYMPATHETIC, VERY SYMPATHETIC. SO I AM QUITE  
13   HAPPY TO BE HERE. SO I REMEMBER WHAT SAINT AUGUSTINE SAYS, OH  
14   GOD, MAKE US CHASTE BUT NOT YET. I CAN SAY, OH GOD, MAKE ME  
15   CHASTE BUT LET ME STAY IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, THEN SUPERVISOR  
18   YAROSLAVSKY. I'M PLEASED THIS MORNING TO MAKE A VERY SPECIAL  
19   PRESENTATION TO A VERY TALENTED YOUNG MAN, AN ATTORNEY BY THE  
20   NAME OF THOMAS SAENZ. HE IS CONCLUDING HIS TENURE AT THE  
21   MEXICAN-AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND, MALDEF,  
22   WHICH IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO SECURING AND PROVIDING THE  
23   CIVIL RIGHTS OF ALL LATINOS. TOM JOINED MALDEF IN 1993 AS A  
24   STAFF ATTORNEY AND, IN 1996, HE WAS NAMED AS THE LOS ANGELES  
25   REGIONAL COUNSEL. WE ALL KNOW THAT TOM'S CREDENTIALS TO BE



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1 IMPECCABLE. HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE  
2 GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDA FROM YALE UNIVERSITY RECEIVED HIS  
3 LAW DEGREE FROM YALE LAW SCHOOL. HE THEN WENT ON TO SERVE AS A  
4 LAW CLERK FOR TWO FEDERAL JUDGES AND, FOR SEVEN YEARS, HE HAS  
5 TAUGHT CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION AT U.S.C. SCHOOL OF LAW. TOM  
6 ALSO SERVES ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND  
7 PREVIOUSLY SERVED ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
8 HUMAN RELATIONS. IN FACT, HE JUST RESIGNED, I THINK, THE OTHER  
9 DAY. IN 2001, TOM BECAME MALDEF'S VICE PRESIDENT OF  
10 LITIGATION, SERVING AS LEAD COUNSEL ON NUMEROUS CIVIL RIGHTS  
11 CASES INVOLVING ISSUES SUCH AS EDUCATIONAL EQUITY, EMPLOYMENT  
12 DISCRIMINATION, IMMIGRANT'S RIGHTS, LABOR RIGHTS, VOTING  
13 RIGHTS AND PUBLIC RESOURCE EQUITY. TOM SUCCESSFULLY TRIED MANY  
14 CASES OVER THE YEARS, INCLUDING CHALLENGES TO PROPOSITION 187  
15 AND 227, AS WELL AS CHALLENGING OUR VERY OWN COUNTY ORDINANCE  
16 REGARDING DAY LABORERS AND WINNING, I THINK, BEATING US AS  
17 WELL, AS WELL AS CHALLENGING CALIFORNIA'S CONGRESSIONAL  
18 REDISTRICTING. TOM IS NOW GOING TO BEGIN A VERY NEW EXCITING  
19 CHALLENGING CAREER FOR HIMSELF AS THE CONSUL TO MAYOR ANTHONY  
20 VILLARAIGOSA. HE IS NOW GOING TO BE PART OF THE MAYOR'S  
21 EXECUTIVE STAFF AND WE WANTED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO TOM.  
22 WE HONORED HIS WORK AT MALDEF, MANY OF US ON THE BOARD WHO  
23 HAVE SERVED ON MALDEF KNOW THE TREMENDOUS EFFORT, THE TALENT,  
24 THE ABILITY THAT THIS MAN HAS IN LEADING ON ALL ISSUES OF  
25 CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF HIS WORK FOR



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1 MALDEF AND WE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH  
2 HIM AS HE NOW GOES ON TO SERVE AS COUNSEL TO THE MAYOR OF THE  
3 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SO TOM, ON BEHALF OF ALL THE BOARD, WE  
4 WANT TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION. TOM IS PROUDLY JOINED BY HIS  
5 FATHER, WHO IS VERY PROUD OF HIS SON, AND SO WE'RE VERY  
6 PLEASED TO HAVE THEM BOTH HERE. WE WANT TO MAKE THIS SPECIAL  
7 PRESENTATION TO TOM SAENZ. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **THOMAS A. SAENZ:** I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND  
10 THE REST OF THE BOARD, FOR THIS RECOGNITION, WHICH I REALLY  
11 THINK IS A REALLY A RECOGNITION OF MALDEF AND THE  
12 CONTRIBUTIONS THAT IT HAS MADE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND CITY  
13 AND SO I ACCEPT THIS ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE MANY PEOPLE WHO  
14 HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THAT PROGRESS. I WANT TO THANK MY FATHER,  
15 EDWARD SAENZ, FOR BEING HERE WITH ME, RECOGNIZE MY MOTHER,  
16 MARGARET SAENZ, WHO COULD NOT BE HERE THIS MORNING, THE REST  
17 OF MY FAMILY BUT I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY COLLEAGUES AT  
18 MALDEF, INCLUDING-- IF THEY COULD STAND. MANY OF THEM ARE HERE  
19 WITH ME. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **THOMAS A. SAENZ:** AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY LONG-TIME  
22 SUPERVISOR AT MALDEF, ANTONIO HERNANDEZ, WHO WAS WITH THE  
23 ORGANIZATION UNTIL A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO AND WHO I GREATLY  
24 ENJOYED WORKING WITH. BUT, MOSTLY IMPORTANT, I WANT TO  
25 ACKNOWLEDGE THE CLIENTS, WHOM I AND MY COLLEAGUES HAVE



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1 REPRESENTED OVER THE YEARS, WHETHER THEY'RE STUDENTS, VOTERS,  
2 PARENTS, DAY LABORERS, WHOEVER IT IS, IF YOU WANT TO  
3 ACCOMPLISH SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEM, IT DEPENDS  
4 ON COURAGEOUS PLAINTIFFS STEPPING FORWARD AND PUTTING  
5 THEMSELVES, THEIR LIVES, THEIR FAMILIES ON THE LINE TO SAY  
6 THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG AND NEEDS TO CHANGE. AND SO I WANT TO  
7 RECOGNIZE THEM IN THANKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS  
8 RECOGNITION. [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CAN WE TAKE A PICTURE, ALL THREE OF US? WE  
11 HAVE SOME SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS HERE TODAY THAT WE'RE-- I'M  
12 GOING TO ASK A WHOLE GROUP OF PEOPLE TO JOIN WITH ME TODAY.  
13 I'M ALSO GOING TO ASK-- THE COMMISSIONERS ARE GOING TO JOIN US  
14 AS WELL? I'M GOING TO ASK THE COMMISSIONERS. THESE ARE THE  
15 COMMISSIONERS FOR OUR COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES. I'M GOING TO  
16 ASK JANET KNEEL, THE CHAIR, TO JOIN US. HARVEY RUBENSTEIN, THE  
17 VICE CHAIR, AND RICHARD KRISNOWSKI, JOHN TRUST AS WELL AS  
18 CARLETON RUSSELL. WE ALSO HAVE VISITING WITH US THE STATE  
19 DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION, STEVE JENSON, IF HE COULD JOIN  
20 US AS WELL AS OUR OWN LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION,  
21 CARLA GELLAR. THESE ARE ALL PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL  
22 IN A PROGRAM THAT ALL OF US ON THE BOARD TRULY APPRECIATE THE  
23 COMMISSION'S WORK ON THIS BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING  
24 YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FROM OUR COMMUNITIES. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO  
25 ARE RECIPIENTS OF THE BILL TAINTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. BILL





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1 TANTER WAS A LONG-TIME ADVOCACY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
2 AND IS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEADER AND A ROLE MODEL IN THE  
3 DISABILITY COMMUNITY. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
4 DISABILITIES ESTABLISHED THE TANTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
5 PROGRAM TO OFFER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES THE  
6 FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT AND SELF-  
7 SUFFICIENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION. TODAY'S RECIPIENTS ARE  
8 UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONAL ROLE AND-- AND WILL SERVE  
9 AS EXCEPTIONAL ROLE MODELS. MY HONOREE FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT  
10 IS REGGIE ORMEO THE TANTER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FROM OUR  
11 FIRST DISTRICT. REGGIE IS A GRADUATE OF WOODROW WILSON HIGH  
12 SCHOOL AND PLANS TO ATTEND LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE. HE  
13 HAS BEEN ACTIVE AS A SPORTS OFFICIAL AND AS A STUDENT POLL  
14 WORKER, AND HIS GOAL IS TO ATTEND U.C.L.A. AND TO MAJOR IN  
15 PSYCHOLOGY. REGGIE, WE WANT TO APPLAUD YOU AND CERTAINLY YOUR  
16 DESIRE TO PURSUE YOUR GOALS. WE'RE PLEASED TO PRESENT YOU WITH  
17 THIS RECOGNITION, AS WELL AS SORT OF OUR MOCK CHECK HERE FOR  
18 \$2,000, WHICH IS PART OF THE BILL TANTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.  
19 WE CONGRATULATE YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR  
20 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS YOU PURSUE YOUR EDUCATION. CONGRATULATIONS  
21 TO YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** REGGIE, COME UP AND INTRODUCE YOUR FAMILY.

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1 **REGGIE ORMEO:** THIS PERSON OVER HERE IS MY SISTER, LAUREN. THIS  
2 IS MY MOTHER, LOELLA. THIS IS MY FATHER, EPHRAIM.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MS. BURKE, YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE  
7 A PRESENTATION OF YOUR SECOND DISTRICT RECIPIENT?

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL PATRICK ROGART FORWARD. BILL  
10 TANTER WAS A LONG-TIME ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES,  
11 A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEADER AND A ROLE MODEL IN THE  
12 DISABILITY COMMUNITY. I WANT TO COMMEND THE COMMISSION ON  
13 DISABILITIES FOR MAKING THESE AWARDS AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL  
14 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN BILL TANTER'S NAME. I'M VERY  
15 PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THE TANTER AWARDEE FOR THE SECOND  
16 DISTRICT, PATRICK ROGART. DESPITE ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER,  
17 DISTRACTABILITY AND HYPERACTIVITY, PATRICK IS GRADUATING FROM  
18 THE LOS ANGELES CENTER FOR ENRICHED STUDIES WITH A 3.5  
19 AVERAGE. AND, IN ADDITION, HE'S BEEN AN ACADEMIC TUTOR FOR HIS  
20 PEERS AND FOR YOUNG CHILDREN. HE'S ALSO PROFICIENT IN SPANISH,  
21 FRENCH AND ITALIAN. HE WILL USE HIS AWARD TO HELP FINANCE HIS  
22 STUDIES AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY WHERE HE WILL MAJOR IN  
23 FINE ARTS AND DANCE AND HIS GOAL IS TO BECOME A TEACHER.  
24 CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS, PATRICK.

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3    **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE JANET NEIL AND I DON'T SEE  
4    JOHN TRUCE. IS HE OUT THERE? HE'S OVER HERE. JOHN? THANK YOU  
5    FOR BEING HERE. HE'S BEEN A COMMISSIONER FOR A LONG TIME. OF  
6    COURSE, I KNEW HIS DAD WAS A VERY DISTINGUISHED JUDGE IN  
7    CULVER CITY.

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9    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT I'M GOING TO CALL ON SUPERVISOR  
10   YAROSLAVSKY FOR HIS PRESENTATION.

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12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MADAM CHAIR, I WANT  
13   TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO DAVID GOTTESMAN, WHO HAS BEEN  
14   SELECTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF DISABILITIES TO RECEIVE  
15   THE TAITNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. HE RESIDES IN OUR DISTRICT,  
16   IN THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND HE'S A LONG-TIME-- I SHOULDN'T SAY  
17   LONG TIME. I SHOULD READ THE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION, WHICH I  
18   HAD HERE. THANK YOU. DAVID IS A RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT. HE'S  
19   A STUDENT AT ROSITA HIGH SCHOOL AND HE PLANS TO ATTEND THE  
20   UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ AND/OR PIERCE COLLEGE.  
21   BOTH OF THEM ARE GOOD SCHOOLS. AND HE'S BEEN SELECTED BY THE  
22   COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND FOR THIS  
23   HONOR AND WE ARE VERY HONORED THAT DAVID HAS COME DOWN HERE  
24   TODAY TO RECEIVE THIS PROCLAMATION FROM THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS. DAVID, GOOD LUCK TO YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS. [  
2 APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO INVITE  
7 SAMANTHA SMITH UP TO JOIN ME. HI, SAMANTHA. THE MEMBERS OF HER  
8 FAMILY ARE WITH HER, TOO. IT'S MY PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO BE  
9 ABLE TO INTRODUCE THE FOURTH DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, AN  
10 EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG LADY, SAMANTHA SMITH. SHE IS A GRADUATE OF  
11 MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL IN MANHATTAN BEACH. SHE'S A VERY ACTIVE  
12 PARTICIPANT IN HER COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS CHURCH ACTIVITIES,  
13 AND SOMEHOW MANAGES TO HOLD DOWN TWO JOBS TO SAVE ENOUGH MONEY  
14 TO FINANCE HER COLLEGE EDUCATION. SHE'S GOING TO BE SOON  
15 ENROLLING AT A JUNIOR COLLEGE AND THEN PLANS TO TRANSFER TO A  
16 CAL STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS FOR HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE. ONE OF  
17 HER GOALS IS TO BE A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER WITH A SPECIALTY IN  
18 ENGLISH, GOVERNMENT OR HISTORY. SHE LOVES TO WRITE ONE DAY AND  
19 SOME DAY WE'LL BE READING ONE OF HER NOVELS BY SAMANTHA. OF  
20 HER DISABILITIES, SAMANTHA SAYS, "I BELIEVE I CAN WORK WITH  
21 ANYTHING AND THROUGH ANYTHING THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
22 CAN WORK HARD TO ACCOMPLISH, ANYTHING PERFECTLY HEALTHY PEOPLE  
23 CAN DO," AND, IF ANYONE CAN DO IT, SAMANTHA CAN, AND WE ARE  
24 VERY PROUD OF HER AND WANT TO PRESENT HER WITH THIS SCROLL AND



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1 ALSO HER SCHOLARSHIP AS WELL, TOO. CONGRATULATIONS, SAMANTHA.

2 [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SAMANTHA SMITH:** THIS IS MY FAMILY, NANCY RAY SMITH COOPER,  
5 PHILLIP SANDINE SMITH, TAYLOR ROBERT MAXWELL SMITH AND AMELIA  
6 BRYNN SMITH. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, SAMANTHA. I ALSO WANTED TO SAY THANK  
9 YOU AND RECOGNIZE HARLEY RUBENSTEIN, MY COMMISSIONER OVER  
10 THERE. HARLEY? NICE TO HAVE YOU WITH US, MY FRIEND, THANK YOU.

11 [ APPLAUSE ]

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE TO THE MEMBERS  
16 OF THE BOARD AND THE AUDIENCE NICOLE DAVIS, WHO GRADUATED FROM  
17 BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL IN PASADENA WITH A 3.1 GRADE AVERAGE. WHILE  
18 IN HIGH SCHOOL, NICOLE WAS A MEMBER OF THE R.O.T.C., THE TRACK  
19 TEAM AND CHEERLEADING SQUAD. SHE ASPIRES TO BE THE FIRST  
20 PERSON IN HER FAMILY TO OBTAIN A COLLEGE EDUCATION AND SHE'LL  
21 BE ATTENDING CITRUS COLLEGE THIS COMING SEPTEMBER. SO WE WANT  
22 TO RECOGNIZE WITH HER TODAY ALSO HER INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS  
23 FROM BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL, HELEN GOODMAN AND MARIAN CATHART. HER  
24 SISTER, LACHIA GOFF AND HER FRIEND, ANGELA MACDONALD. SO  
25 NICOLE? [ APPLAUSE ]





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2 **NICOLE DAVIS:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [  
3 APPLAUSE ]

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I'M VERY PLEASED TO HONOR DELOY EDWARDS,  
6 SOMEONE I'VE CERTAINLY KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME. I THINK HE SOLD  
7 ME A LOT OF PROPERTY OVER THE YEARS. AND HE'S BEEN A  
8 BUSINESSMAN, A REAL ESTATE PERSON WHO HAS REALLY DEDICATED HIS  
9 LIFE TO PROVIDING HOUSING IN THE AREA OF LOS ANGELES AND  
10 PARTICULARLY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE HAS HELPED MANY IN THE  
11 CRENSHAW, BALDWIN HILL, THE MERCK PARK AND SOUTH CENTRAL LOS  
12 ANGELES AREA TO BUY, SELL AND REFINANCE HOMES. IN THIS WAY, HE  
13 HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE  
14 FOR THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES AND HE HAS FOUGHT IN MANY AREAS  
15 AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND OPENING NEW AREAS TO THE MINORITY  
16 COMMUNITY. AN ALUMNUS OF U.C.L.A., ALONG WITH HIS FRIENDS AND  
17 ASSOCIATES, SUCH AS GEORGE PARKS, WHO IS NOW WITH THE COUNTY  
18 COUNSEL, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING A GIFT TO HOLMAN  
19 METHODIST CHURCH AND THAT WAS A GIFT BY AN ATTORNEY, PHILLIP  
20 KRAUSE, AND NEARLY 40 YEARS AGO. WAS THAT WHEN THE GIFT WAS  
21 MADE? TODAY, THAT GIFT IS NOW WORTH A MILLION DOLLARS AND IT'S  
22 GOING TO PAY OFF THIS CHURCH, WHICH IS A VERY IMPORTANT CHURCH  
23 IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE DELOY  
24 EDWARDS BECAUSE HE REALLY HAS BEEN A PERSON WHO OPENED UP THE  
25 FIELD OF REAL ESTATE TO SO MANY PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY TO



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1 MINORITIES AND I KNOW, WITH HIM AND HIS FAMILY, HE'S  
2 CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO OUR COMMUNITY. AND CONGRATULATIONS TO  
3 YOU AND I UNDERSTAND YOU HAD A BIRTHDAY NOT LONG AGO. RIGHT? [  
4 APPLAUSE ]

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6 **DELOY EDWARDS:** I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THIS TO YOU...

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** WAIT A MINUTE. JUST A SECOND. LET ME GET THIS--  
9 COME OVER HERE.

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11 **DELOY EDWARDS:** YVONNE BURKE AND I HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR ABOUT  
12 40 YEARS AND SHE'S ONE OF THE NICEST PERSONS THAT I COULD MEET  
13 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SHE HELPED ME A LOT BUYING AND  
14 SELLING PROPERTY IN THE AREA AND I APPRECIATE THE KINDNESS SHE  
15 HAS GIVEN ME OVER THE YEARS AND YOU COULDN'T HAVE A BETTER  
16 SUPERVISOR THAN HER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. YAROSLAVSKY, YOU HAVE AN  
19 ADDITIONAL PRESENTATION?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK STAN CHAMBERS  
22 TO COME FORWARD. COME ON UP HERE, STAN. AND SUPERVISOR  
23 ANTONOVICH, I THINK, IS GOING TO JOIN ME ON THIS PRESENTATION.  
24 MR.-- MADAM CHAIR, LAST WEEK-- OR THE WEEK BEFORE LAST, WE HAD  
25 HAL FISHMAN HERE AND HONORED HIM FOR THREE DECADES, 3-1/2



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1 DECADES IN TELEVISION NEWS BROADCASTING BUT HE'S A BABY  
2 COMPARED TO STAN CHAMBERS, WHO HAS BEEN HERE SINCE THE YEAR I  
3 WAS BORN DOING TELEVISION IN LOS ANGELES. AND STAN IS GOING TO  
4 BE HONORED BY THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS, I  
5 BELIEVE THIS WEEKEND, FOR A CAREER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
6 AND WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WAS  
7 NOT EXCLUDED FROM THIS CELEBRATION BECAUSE STAN CHAMBERS IS  
8 REALLY A FIXTURE OF LOS ANGELES AND OF LOS ANGELES TELEVISION.  
9 FROM THE EARLIEST DAYS OF TELEVISION TO THE PRESENT TIME, STAN  
10 CHAMBERS HAS COVERED EVERY MAJOR STORY, EVERY BREAKING STORY,  
11 EVERY DISASTER, EVEN HUMAN INTEREST STORIES OVER THE YEARS.  
12 HE'S GONE FROM "A" TO "Z" AND BEEN A NEWSMAN'S NEWS MAN,  
13 OBJECTIVE, CLEAR-MINDED AND CLEAR-SPOKEN AND IS ABLE TO  
14 DELIVER AND HAS BEEN OVER HIS ENTIRE CAREER, ABLE TO DELIVER  
15 THE NEWS IN A MANNER THAT EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN THIS  
16 COMMUNITY NOT ONLY UNDERSTOOD BUT GREW TO DEPEND ON. WHEN I  
17 THINK OF STAN CHAMBERS, I THINK OF REALLY VINCE SCULLY. YOU  
18 ARE TO NEWS REPORTING ON TELEVISION WHAT VINCE SCULLY HAS BEEN  
19 TO BASEBALL BROADCASTING. YOU KNOW WHEN TO TALK AND YOU KNOW  
20 WHEN TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT AND LET THE PICTURE DO THE  
21 TALKING AND THAT COMBINATION, THAT SENSITIVITY HAS REALLY BEEN  
22 YOUR HALLMARK, STAN, AND ALL OF US HERE IN LOS ANGELES HAVE  
23 BEEN THE BENEFICIARY OF YOUR REPORTING. I THINK I SAID THIS  
24 ONCE AT THE STATION WHEN THEY NAMED SOMETHING AFTER YOU, THAT  
25 THE GREAT THING ABOUT STAN CHAMBERS REPORTAGE IS I DON'T KNOW



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1 WHETHER HE'S A DEMOCRAT OR A REPUBLICAN, CONSERVATIVE OR  
2 LIBERAL. I HAVE MY SUSPICIONS BUT I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE  
3 BECAUSE HE NEVER LET HIS PERSONAL VIEWS GET IN THE WAY OF  
4 REPORTING THE NEWS. AND, BOY, I'LL TELL YOU, THAT IS SOMETHING  
5 THAT WE SORELY MISS TODAY ON TELEVISION NEWS FROM COAST TO  
6 COAST. SO WE WANTED TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS PROCLAMATION FROM  
7 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALL FIVE OF US HAVE SIGNED IT, AND  
8 IT SAYS AS FOLLOWS: "STAN CHAMBERS HAS ATTAINED DISTINCTION  
9 AMONG NEWSMEN FOR HAVING A CAREER AT ONE STATION, K.T.L.A.,  
10 SPANNING ALMOST SIX DECADES..." ALMOST TWICE AS LONG AS HAL  
11 FISHMAN. "...BEGINNING IN 1947, WHEN TELEVISION WAS IN ITS  
12 INFANCY AT THE FIRST COMMERCIALY LICENSED TELEVISION STATION  
13 IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES, K.T.L.A. CHANNEL 5. AND WHEREAS,  
14 OVER THE COURSE OF THE 58 YEARS OF BROADCASTING, STAN HAS SET  
15 A RECORD FOR REPORTING OVER 20,000 NEWS STORIES, ESTABLISHING  
16 ON-THE-SPOT NEWS COVERAGE OF SUCH MEMORABLE LOS ANGELES EVENTS  
17 AS THE 1949 KATHY FISCUS TRAGEDY IN SAN MARINO, THE 1968  
18 ROBERT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, THE 1971 SYLMAR AND 1994  
19 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKES AND I SUSPECT A FEW IN BETWEEN, THE  
20 1987 VISIT OF POPE JOHN PAUL II TO LOS ANGELES, AS WELL AS  
21 K.T.L.A.'S SIGNATURE LIVE COVERAGE OF PASADENA'S TOURNAMENT OF  
22 ROSES PARADE ALMOST EVERY SINGLE YEAR SINCE 1949. AND WHEREAS  
23 THE HONORS BESTOWED UPON THIS LIVING LEGEND INCLUDE THE STAN  
24 CHAMBERS BUILDING AT K.T.L.A., NUMEROUS EMMY AND GOLDEN MIKE  
25 AWARDS, SIGMA DELTA CHI'S BROADCASTER OF THE YEAR AWARD, THE



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1 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FROM THE TELEVISION ACADEMY AND A STAR ON THE  
2 HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME, AMONG MANY OTHERS, NOW BE IT THEREFORE  
3 RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
4 ANGELES DOES HEREBY CONGRATULATE STAN CHAMBERS FOR RECEIVING  
5 THE GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL  
6 JOURNALISTS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR PROVIDING  
7 INSPIRATION TO GENERATIONS OF JOURNALISTS AS A ROLE MODEL WITH  
8 OUTSTANDING INTEGRITY AND DEDICATION TO HIS PROFESSION." AND  
9 INTEGRITY AND OBJECTIVITY IS CERTAINLY THE WORDS THAT I  
10 ASSOCIATE-- ALL OF US ASSOCIATE WITH STAN CHAMBERS' REPORTING  
11 OVER THE YEARS. AND, WITH THAT, LET ME TURN IT OVER TO MIKE  
12 ANTONOVICH FOR A FEW WORDS AND THEN WE'LL MAKE THIS  
13 PRESENTATION OFFICIAL.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LAST WEEK, WE RECOGNIZED THE DEAN OF ANCHORS  
16 OF NEWS AND THAT WAS HAL FISHMAN, A GOOD FRIEND AND A FORMER  
17 PROFESSOR WHEN I WAS A STUDENT AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
18 AT LOS ANGELES. AND TODAY WE RECOGNIZE THE DEAN OF REPORTERS  
19 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, STAN CHAMBERS, WHO, FOR OVER 58 YEARS,  
20 WE ALL GREW UP WATCHING STAN ON THAT LITTLE 6-INCH TELEVISION  
21 SCREEN. AND IF YOU WANTED A COLOR TELEVISION SCREEN, YOU PUT A  
22 COLORED SCREEN, BLUE, IN FRONT OF IT AND THAT WAS A COLOR  
23 TELEVISION AND IF YOU WANTED A BIG SCREEN, YOU PUT A  
24 MAGNIFYING GLASS AND PROBABLY GOT A 12 INCH SCREEN. THAT WAS  
25 THE OLD DAYS. THE KIDS GROWING UP TODAY DON'T KNOW REMEMBER





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1 THOSE TIMES. BUT, EVERY PROBLEM THAT WE HAD WITHIN OUR GREAT  
2 COUNTY, STAN WAS THERE TO COVER THAT AND HE HAS ALWAYS  
3 PROVIDED HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND THE ABILITY TO RELATE THE  
4 STORY WITHOUT EXPLOITING THE STORY. AND FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS  
5 TO THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES, HE WAS HONORED WITH A 50-YEAR  
6 PROCLAMATION FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN THAT TOURNAMENT OF ROSES  
7 REPORTING THOSE PARADES EACH YEAR IN PASADENA. AND WHEN HIS  
8 HOLINESS, POPE JOHN PAUL II WAS HERE, STAN COVERED THAT FROM  
9 MORNING TO NIGHT AND THEN DID A VERY WONDERFUL VIDEO, A TWO-  
10 HOUR VIDEO THAT K.T.L.A. PUT OUT ON THAT VISIT GOING ALL THE  
11 WAY BACK TO ROME AND FOLLOWING JOHN PAUL'S BEGINNINGS IN  
12 POLAND AND THEN GOING TO THE PRIESTHOOD, WHERE HE ULTIMATELY  
13 BECAME THE POPE, POPE JOHN PAUL II. AND STAN HAS ALWAYS  
14 REMAINED HUMAN. I REMEMBER, AT EACH REPUBLICAN NATIONAL  
15 CONVENTION, STAN WAS THERE TO GIVE ME A VERY NICE INTERVIEW AS  
16 TO WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE AND HE KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON BECAUSE  
17 HE WAS THERE AND THEN HE REPORTED THE NEWS TO THE PEOPLE. SO  
18 STAN IS ONE OF THOSE GREAT ROLE MODELS. K.T.L.A. WAS BLESSED  
19 WITH THREE WONDERFUL ROLE MODELS, THREE AWARD-WINNING  
20 NEWSMAKERS: THE LATE LARRY MCCORMICK, WHO HAD BEEN HERE AND  
21 HONORED FOR HIS INTEGRITY; STAN CHAMBERS AND HAL FISHMAN.  
22 THERE'S A LEGACY THAT OTHER STATIONS WISH THEY HAD AND MANY OF  
23 US WISH TODAY COULD EMULATE BECAUSE WE NEED THAT TYPE OF  
24 HONESTY AND INTEGRITY IN THE REPORTING OF THE NEWS. SO, STAN,  
25 I'M PLEASED TO JOIN WITH MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD IN GIVING



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1 YOU US THIS PROCLAMATION. WITH HIM IS HIS WIFE, GIGI, AND HIS  
2 DAUGHTERS, ELIZABETH AND MARGARET, AND GRANDDAUGHTER, MEAGAN  
3 WITH HIM BUT HE HAS OTHER CHILDREN AS WELL, MANY, MANY. 11. 11  
4 CHILDREN. NOW, I CAN'T HANDLE TWO AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE  
5 SECRET IS TO DO 11 BUT GOD BLESS YOU. MAYBE THE NEXT HONOR WE  
6 GIVE YOU IS A BOOK ON HOW TO RAISE CHILDREN. [ LAUGHTER ]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO GOD BLESS YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS. [  
9 APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I SAID A MINUTE AGO I DON'T KNOW WHETHER  
12 HE'S A DEMOCRAT OR A REPUBLICAN BUT I DO KNOW HE'S A U.S.C.  
13 FAN AND, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT, WE MADE AN EXCEPTION AND I  
14 SIGNED THIS PROCLAMATION. BUT, STAN, THERE'S NO MAN IN  
15 JOURNALISM WHO HAS ACHIEVED AS MUCH AS A REPORTER OVER A  
16 CAREER AND HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO YOUR PROFESSION AS YOU HAVE.  
17 AND YOU HAVE MEANT SO MUCH TO LOS ANGELES AND TO THE VIEWERS  
18 IN LOS ANGELES, GENERATIONS OF THEM. I'M SO DELIGHTED THAT YOU  
19 ARE HERE TODAY TO ACCEPT THIS PROCLAMATION. CONGRATULATIONS ON  
20 SIX DECADES OF REPORTING AND FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF SERVICE TO  
21 OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **STAN CHAMBERS:** I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
24 THIS WONDERFUL HONOR. AND, SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY, THE  
25 MEMORIES THAT WOULD FLOW BY, IT WAS JUST BEAUTIFUL. MY



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1 FAVORITE ONE OF ALL WAS SITTING IN THIS BRAND-NEW HEARING ROOM  
2 WHEN A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOVED INTO THIS LUXURIOUS CASTLE  
3 AND THAT WAS SOMETHING. WE MOVED ACROSS THE STREET, THAT  
4 WE'VE-- IT'S SOMETHING WE'VE ENJOYED ALL THESE YEARS. AND THE  
5 OTHER THING THAT I'M SO BLESSED WITH IS HAVING BEEN A MEMBER  
6 OF THE K.T.L.A. NEWS TEAM FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AND IT'S  
7 JUST ACCIDENTAL, YOU KNOW, IN LIFE, IT'S THOSE LITTLE THIN  
8 THREADS THAT TIE EVENTS TOGETHER AND I GOT A CALL IF I WANTED  
9 TO GO TO WORK AT K.T.L.A. AND I SAID YES. AND I WENT TO WORK A  
10 DOLLAR AND A QUARTER AN HOUR AND TIME AND A HALF FOR OVERTIME  
11 BUT IT WAS A GREAT EVENT AND THE THING THAT IS SO BEAUTIFUL  
12 ABOUT IT IS EVERY DAY IS THAT WAY. IT'S A SERIES OF  
13 CHALLENGES, A SERIES OF OBSTACLES, A SERIES OF VICTORIES AND  
14 AN OCCASIONAL DEFEAT BUT IF THAT HAPPENS ON ONE DAY, THE NEXT  
15 DAY IS A WHOLE NEW DAY AND YOU GET TO ENJOY THAT. SO I THINK  
16 IT'S SO IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE COMING UP  
17 THROUGH THE FIELD TO ENJOY WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND TO DO IT  
18 BECAUSE YOU ENJOY IT, IT MAKES LIFE SO BEAUTIFUL. JEFF WALD,  
19 THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, A GREAT FRIEND, A WONDERFUL PERSON.  
20 YOU MENTIONED HAL FISHMAN, ANOTHER GREAT FRIEND AND, OF  
21 COURSE, WONDERFUL LARRY MCCORMICK. I'M VERY MOVED, VERY  
22 EMOTIONAL. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR TODAY. [  
23 APPLAUSE ]  
24  
25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.



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**SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TODAY TO  
HAVE WITH US 20 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE SOUTH BAY AREA WHO WENT  
THROUGH AN OUTSTANDING PROGRAM CALLED THE CONOCO PHILLIPS  
SUMMER YOUTH HIRE PROGRAM. WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY UPSTAIRS TO  
PRESENT EACH OF THEM WITH A CERTIFICATE AND THIS IS A GREAT  
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO GAIN REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES  
WITHIN A STRUCTURED BUSINESS SETTING. FOR EIGHT WEEKS DURING  
THE SUMMER, THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WORKED AT A CONOCO PHILLIPS  
REFINERY. DURING THAT TIME, THEY ARE EXPOSED TO ALL FACETS OF  
OPERATING A BUSINESS. THEY LEARN A RANGE OF BUSINESS SKILLS  
THAT WILL STAY WITH THEM FOR A LIFETIME. THEY'RE ASSIGNED  
MENTORS TO GUIDE AND SUPPORT THEM DURING THEIR WORK EXPERIENCE  
AT CONOCO PHILLIPS. THIS GREAT PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE  
FOR SOME 10 YEARS. IT CAME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF A UNIQUE  
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CONOCO PHILLIPS, THE PAPER ALLIED ALLIED  
INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL ENERGY WORKERS UNION AND THE SPA 8  
COLLABORATIVE. SO WE'RE PLEASED TO PRESENT SOME SCROLLS TO THE  
SPONSORING AGENCIES TODAY AND CONOCO PHILLIPS, PACE AND OTHERS  
OF SPA 8 FOR THEIR VISION. SO ACCEPTING THE SCROLL FOR CONOCO  
PHILLIPS IS JAY CHURCHILL, WHO IS THE PLANT MANAGER FOR THE  
CONOCO REFINERY IN WILMINGTON. JAY? AND, ON BEHALF OF PACE, WE  
HAVE MR. JIM NORRIS, WHO IS THE UNION PRESIDENT. JIM? [  
APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN NEXT, A GOOD FRIEND FROM SPA 8, HE WAS  
2   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH BAY CENTER FOR COUNSELING,  
3   COLLEEN MOONEY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5   **SUP. KNABE:** AND A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THESE YOUNG  
6   PEOPLE. THEY'RE HAVING A GREAT TIME AND WORKING HARD. [  
7   APPLAUSE ]

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9   **SUP. KNABE:** WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THEM. THE ONLY THING THEY--  
10   THEY REALLY NEGOTIATED A GOOD DEAL. THEY'RE ACTUALLY DOWN HERE  
11   TODAY AND GETTING PAID, SO THEY'RE NOT IN A HURRY TO GO BACK  
12   TO WORK BUT-- NO, THEY'RE EXCITED. ANYWAY, THANK YOU ALL VERY  
13   MUCH AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO MADE IT HAPPEN. [  
14   APPLAUSE ]

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16   **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, LET ME ASK JAY TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS HERE ON  
17   BEHALF OF CONOCO PHILLIPS. I'M SORRY.

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19   **JAY CHURCHILL:** WELL, THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, IT'S A REAL  
20   HONOR TO BE RECEIVING THIS AWARD AND MY THANKS FOR THAT. AND  
21   CONOCO PHILLIPS IS REALLY PLEASED TO BE IN THIS PARTNERSHIP.  
22   WHAT MAKES A GREAT PARTNERSHIP, IT'S GOOD FOR EVERYONE  
23   INVOLVED. IT'S VERY GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE  
24   OPERATE. IT'S GOOD FOR THE COMPANY IN HELPING TO MEET OUR  
25   FUTURE HIRING NEEDS AND IT'S ALSO GREAT FOR THESE YOUNG





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1 STUDENTS. AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED AND PROUD OF ALL OF THE  
2 STUDENTS THAT GOT SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM. SO  
3 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT, WE HAVE ANOTHER VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO  
6 THE WHITTIER AREA FIRST DAY COALITION. THEY HAVE A  
7 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING CENTER AND THEY'VE JUST BEING DOING A  
8 GREAT JOB HERE. AND, AS WE KNOW, JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, THIS  
9 BOARD, IN RECOGNITION OF A REPORT THAT WAS RELEASED WITH SOME  
10 90,000 HOMELESS IDENTIFIED ACROSS THE COUNTY, LOCAL  
11 INVOLVEMENT IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN  
12 EVER AND WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER IS A  
13 SHINING EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF THIS COUNTY. THEY HAVE  
14 DEVELOPED A NEW UNIQUELY INNOVATIVE RECIPROCAL COMMUNITY  
15 ENGAGEMENT MODEL. THAT SOUNDS LIKE A VERY TECHNICAL TERM, VERY  
16 WELL THOUGHT OUT BUT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHAT IT'S REALLY  
17 DESIGNED TO DO IS TO BUILD A NETWORK OF PROGRAMS TO GET THE  
18 PEOPLE INVOLVED, TO REACCLIMATE THEM TO THE COMMUNITY, TO LOOK  
19 BEYOND THAT PRESENT DAY HOMELESSNESS AND TO JUST ASK TO GET  
20 THEM BACK INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. EQUALLY AND MOST  
21 IMPORTANTLY, WE COMMEND THE RESIDENTS OF FIRST DAY FOR THEIR  
22 PERSONAL AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THEMSELVES AND  
23 TOWARDS EACH OTHER AND WITH THE GREATER WHITTIER COMMUNITY FOR  
24 THE EFFORTS. I BELIEVE SOME OF THE RESIDENTS ARE IN THE



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1 AUDIENCE AND WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THEM STAND. IF YOU'D STAND,  
2 WE'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I MIGHT JUST ADD, YOU KNOW, WHEN THE CITY OF  
5 WHITTIER AND EARTH DAY AND EVERYONE ELSE PUT THIS PROGRAM  
6 TOGETHER, THERE WAS A LOT OF CONVERSATION IN THE COMMUNITY  
7 ABOUT-- IS THAT A NICE WAY TO SAY IT? A LOT OF CONVERSATION IN  
8 THE COMMUNITY ABOUT POTENTIAL OUTCOMES, WHETHER IT WOULD WORK  
9 OR WOULDN'T WORK, WHAT KIND OF A SITUATION IT MIGHT ATTRACT OR  
10 DO OR WHATEVER AND I THINK WE ALL STAND BEFORE YOU HERE TODAY  
11 TO SAY IT'S BEEN A PHENOMENAL PROGRAM, NOT ONLY FROM THE  
12 PEOPLE BEHIND ME MAKING IT HAPPEN BUT TO THE RESIDENTS  
13 THEMSELVES WHO HAVE JUST ACCEPTED THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.  
14 WE WANT TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY AND WISH YOU THE VERY, VERY  
15 BEST AS YOU MOVE FORWARD IN EACH OF YOUR LIVES. AND SO, WITH  
16 THAT, I'M GOING TO ASK, WE HAVE WITH US COUNCIL MEMBER AND  
17 FORMER MAYOR FROM THE CITY OF WHITTIER, OWEN NEWCOMER WHO ALSO  
18 HAPPENS TO BE MY APPOINTEE TO LASHA, AND TED KNOLL, THE  
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WHITTIER AREA FIRST DAY COALITION.  
20 I'M GOING TO ASK THEM TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS, THEN I'M GOING  
21 TO PRESENT A SCROLL TO THEM. OWEN? TED?

22

23 **OWEN NEWCOMER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER,  
24 WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE SERVICES THEY ARE PROVIDING. WE SEE  
25 THE BENEFIT IN TOWN AND, OBVIOUSLY, THE PEOPLE THAT GO THROUGH



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1 THE PROGRAM HAVE BENEFITED. BUT PROBABLY ANOTHER THING THAT  
2 TED AND HIS ORGANIZATION HAVE DONE THAT'S PARTICULARLY  
3 OUTSTANDING, THEY'VE MADE BELIEVERS OF THEIR NEIGHBORS. AS ONE  
4 MIGHT IMAGINE, SOME OF THE LOUDEST PROTESTS WHEN THE PROPOSAL  
5 CAME WAS THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS WHO FEARED WHAT WOULD TAKE  
6 PLACE. MANY OF THEM ARE NOW THE LOUDEST SUPPORTERS OF FIRST  
7 DAY BECAUSE TED'S ORGANIZATION HAS NOT ONLY HELPED THE LIVES  
8 OF THOSE WHO THEY SERVE BUT THEY'VE HELPED IMPROVE THE  
9 NEIGHBORHOOD. AND IF ANYBODY WANTS TO SEE A PROGRAM THAT WORKS  
10 WONDERFULLY, WE INVITE YOU TO COME OUT, TED WOULD LOVE TO GIVE  
11 YOU A TOUR. BUT WE'RE VERY PROUD OF FIRST DAY AND VERY PROUD  
12 OF THE SUPERVISOR FOR RECOGNIZING THEIR GREAT WORK. THANK YOU.  
13 [ APPLAUSE ]

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15 **TED KNOLL:** MY NAME IS TED KNOLL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR FIRST  
16 DAY AND IT WAS A PRIVILEGE. I HAD WORKED DOWNTOWN IN SKID ROW  
17 FOR S.R. HOUSING FOR FIVE YEARS AND I WAS CALLED UPON TO COME  
18 TO THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND HELP THEM DEVELOP AND OPEN UP A  
19 NEW TYPE OF SERVICE TO PROVIDE SERVICE FOR THE HOMELESS. WHAT  
20 HAS HAPPENED IS THE COMMUNITY, THE CITY, THE COMMUNITY ITSELF  
21 AND THE RESIDENTS ESPECIALLY HAVE COME TOGETHER AND DEVELOPED  
22 A WHOLE NEW MODEL AND WE CALL THAT THE RECIPROCAL COMMUNITY  
23 ENGAGEMENT MODEL. BASICALLY, THE RESIDENTS HAVE AN  
24 UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION. INSIDE THERE, THEY TAKE CARE OF  
25 THEIR OWN COMMUNITY. AND THEY ALSO HAVE WHAT IS CALLED



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1 COMMUNITY ANGELS WHERE THEY GO OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND  
2 VOLUNTEER AND GIVE SERVICE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. SO THIS IS  
3 WHY WE CALL IT RECIPROCAL. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE RIGHT NOW OUR  
4 EXECUTIVE BOARD, MR. PETER JIMENEZ. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **TED KNOLL:** AND OUR CHAIR, VIRGINIA BALL. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **TED KNOLL:** WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO RIGHT NOW IS JUST SAY IT  
9 CAN'T BE DONE WITHOUT THE PEOPLE INVOLVED BUT I WOULD LIKE TO  
10 HAVE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD PLEASE STAND FOR A SECOND,  
11 TO BE RECOGNIZED. THEY REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY OF WHITTIER. [  
12 APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **TED KNOLL:** OUR STAFF, IF YOU COULD PLEASE STAND. AND OUR STAFF  
15 GIVE HUNDREDS OF HOURS BEYOND WHAT THEY'RE PAID FOR. [  
16 APPLAUSE ]

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18 **TED KNOLL:** AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE RESIDENTS. IF YOU COULD  
19 STAND ONE MORE TIME, PLEASE, AND BE RECOGNIZED. THEY DO ALL  
20 THE HEAVY LIFTING AND THE REAL WORK. TO TAKE ONE SECOND, I  
21 THINK THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO IS TAKE A MOMENT TO ENGAGE THE  
22 SUPERVISORS AND TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.  
23 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A WHILE AGO, WE HAD WELCOMED RICHARD GARCIA  
2    TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHEN HE ASSUMED THE DIRECTORSHIP  
3    OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. AND, TODAY, WE  
4    RECOGNIZE RICHARD UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS THE HEAD OF THE 7-  
5    COUNTY LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE. RICHARD HAS OVERSEEN 1,200  
6    EMPLOYEES. HE WAS THE FIRST HISPANIC TO HEAD THE BUREAU OF  
7    SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIVISION, ONE OF TWO TO HOLD THE TITLE OF  
8    ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. A SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE CRIMINAL  
9    BRANCH FOR THE F.B.I., HE GAINED RECOGNITION FOR HELPING SOLVE  
10   THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF THE FIVE-YEAR-OLD MAN SAMANTHA  
11   RUNION CASE. SAMANTHA'S MOTHER WAS-- ERIN, WAS A GRADUATE OF  
12   OUR LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AT CALIFORNIA STATE  
13   UNIVERSITY AT LOS ANGELES WHEN WE FIRST STARTED THAT SCHOOL.  
14   RICHARD HELD MANY ASSIGNMENTS THROUGHOUT HIS 24-YEAR CAREER,  
15   INCLUDING ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF EL PASO AND  
16   HOUSTON FIELD OFFICES. IN 1990, HE RECEIVED THE ATTORNEY  
17   GENERAL'S AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE FOR AN UNDERCOVER  
18   ASSIGNMENT IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, DIRECTED AGAINST THE COLOMBIAN  
19   DRUG LORDS. HE WAS ALSO THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2003 MERITORIOUS  
20   CONDUCT PRESIDENTIAL RANK AWARD FOR SENIOR EXECUTIVES FOR HIS  
21   ROLE IN THE ROBERT HANSON ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION. IN OCTOBER  
22   OF LAST YEAR, HE WAS NAMED AS ONE OF THE 100 INFLUENTIAL  
23   HISPANICS BY HISPANIC BUSINESS MAGAZINE. THAT SAME YEAR, HE  
24   WAS ALSO THE RECIPIENT OF THE F.B.I. DIRECTORS AWARD FOR HIS  
25   SERVICE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION SHARING TECHNOLOGY.



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1 HE'S A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF  
2 POLICE, A FORMER POLICE OFFICER WITH THE DALLAS POLICE  
3 DEPARTMENT. HE'S MARRIED WITH ONE SON, WHO IS CURRENTLY  
4 SERVING OUR UNITED STATES ARMY. AND NOW, AT THIS TIME,  
5 RICHARD, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU FOR  
6 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS AS YOU  
7 RETIRE FROM THE F.B.I. AND GO ON TO OTHER ENDEAVORS. [  
8 APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **RICHARD T. GARCIA:** WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. ANTONOVICH  
11 AND THE REST OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR. MY  
12 FATHER WAS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND RETIRED WITH SEVERAL  
13 YEARS OF SERVICE AS WELL AS MY BROTHER, WHO IS AN AGENT WITH  
14 THE F.B.I. MY UNCLES ALL SERVED IN VARIOUS FORMS OF GOVERNMENT  
15 SERVICE, AND YOU'D NEVER THINK, AT THIS POINT, WHERE YOU CAN  
16 RETIRE YOURSELF. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE STAFF, THE SENIOR  
17 EXECUTIVES THAT ARE HERE FOR THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE THAT  
18 ARE UNDER MY COMMAND THAT WILL CONTINUE AFTER I RETIRE AT THE  
19 END OF THE WEEK. I HAVE RANDY PARSONS. HE'S THE SPECIAL AGENT  
20 IN CHARGE FOR COUNTER TERRORISM. I HAVE JODI LOUISA, HE'S THE  
21 SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF OUR CRIMINAL DIVISION AND I HAVE  
22 PETE BROTS, WHO'S THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF OUR COUNTER  
23 INTELLIGENCE OFFICE. THIS IS A VERY LARGE FIELD OFFICE, IT'S  
24 THE THIRD LARGEST OF THE F.B.I. IN THE UNITED STATES AND WE  
25 HAVE A LOT OF GOOD EMPLOYEES HERE THAT ARE TRYING TO PROTECT





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1 THIS COUNTY AS WELL AS THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA. BUT THANK  
2 YOU VERY MUCH AND I WILL HOPEFULLY SIT BACK AND READ ALL THE  
3 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF L.A. COUNTY AND THEIR SUPERVISORS AS WELL  
4 AS THE F.B.I. OFFICE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY ONE WORD TO MR. GARCIA AS HE  
7 RETIRES. WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HARD WORK DURING 9/11.  
8 YOU DID A GREAT JOB AND YOU CERTAINLY WERE WITH THE COUNTY OF  
9 LOS ANGELES ALL THE WAY. WE APPRECIATE IT SO MUCH.

10

11 **RICHARD T. GARCIA:** THAT WAS SOME INTERESTING TIMES. THANK YOU  
12 VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE DAVID BROWN,  
15 WHO WAS RECENTLY HIRED AS THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OUR  
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DESCANSO GARDENS, LOCATED IN BEAUTIFUL LA  
17 CANADA FLINTRIDGE. PRIOR TO BEGINNING HIS WORK WITH DESCANSO  
18 GARDENS ON JULY 18TH, DAVID WAS A WRITER, EDUCATOR, AND  
19 CREATOR CONSULTANT WITH 35 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN A WIDE RANGE  
20 OF ROLES AND FIELDS AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE OXBOW  
21 SCHOOL IN NAPA, CALIFORNIA. IN 1985, HE BECAME ONLY THE THIRD  
22 PRESIDENT IN THE 70-YEAR HISTORY OF THE CUTTING EDGE ARTS  
23 CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN IN PASADENA, SERVING 14 YEARS IN THAT  
24 POSITION. IN 1999, HE JOINED THE ARROYO PARTNERS, WHERE HE  
25 PROVIDED CONSULTING SERVICES FOR CLIENTS SUCH AS THE CAREER



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1 DREAMS EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES AND THE UNIVERSITY  
2 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF POLICY, PLANNING AND  
3 DEVELOPMENT. AS PRESIDENT-- AS A RESIDENT OF PASADENA, HE'S A  
4 GRADUATE OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE AND RECEIVED AN M.A. FROM  
5 TRINITY COLLEGE IN CONNECTICUT WITH DISTINCTION. HE'S ALSO A  
6 GRADUATE OF THE TUCK EXECUTIVE PROGRAM AT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.  
7 HE'S MARRIED TO HIS WIFE, JUDY, FOR 35 YEARS AND THEY HAVE  
8 THREE CHILDREN. HE'S INVOLVED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF  
9 PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES. WE  
10 KNOW THAT HE IS GOING TO BE ENRICHING DESCANSO GARDENS'  
11 ACTIVITIES. IT'S A GREAT FACILITY WHICH WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF  
12 THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LISTENING TO VISIT. WE HAVE GREAT PROGRAMS  
13 FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN FROM OUR PUBLIC AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS  
14 ARE ABLE TO COME AND VISIT DESCANSO FOR THEIR EDUCATIONAL  
15 ENRICHMENT AS WELL. SO, DAVID, CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME.

16

17 **DAVID R. BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BEFORE I MAKE A COUPLE OF  
18 REMARKS, I'D LIKE TO-- THERE WE GO. THANK YOU-- INTRODUCE MY  
19 WIFE, JUDY, MY PARTNER IN LIFE AND CO-DIRECTOR I GUESS NOW OF  
20 DESCANSO. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS  
21 RECOGNITION AND FOR THEIR GOOD WISHES. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT  
22 ATTRACTED ME TO DESCANSO WAS ITS UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP AS A  
23 PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY IN TERMS OF PROVIDING IMPORTANT  
24 RESOURCES FOR NOT ONLY THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COMMUNITY BUT  
25 ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND INDEED ALL OF THE WEST AND THE



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1 WORLD. THE COLUMNIST AND AUTHOR, THOMAS FRIEDMAN, RECENTLY  
2 GAVE HIS OPINION HERE AT THE DAWN OF THE 21ST CENTURY: IF  
3 YOU'RE NOT INVOLVED IN EDUCATION AND IF YOU'RE NOT INVOLVED IN  
4 THE ISSUES OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE ECOSYSTEM, SUSTAINABILITY  
5 AND WISE RESOURCE USE, THEN YOU'RE REALLY MISSING THE BOAT.  
6 AND I'M REALLY PLEASED TO BE JOINING DESCANSO AT THIS TIME, AT  
7 A TIME IN WHICH THOSE ISSUES PLAY INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLES  
8 IN OUR LIVES. WE'RE A LITTLE JEWEL TUCKED AWAY IN LA CANADA  
9 RIGHT OFF THE 210 BUT WE SERVE THOUSANDS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN  
10 FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOLS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE  
11 AND WELCOME OVER 300,000 VISITORS A YEAR, A NUMBER THAT WE'D  
12 LIKE TO INCREASE DRAMATICALLY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR COLLEAGUES. I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT  
14 BEING AT DESCANSO.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RUSS GUINEA, OUR DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND  
17 RECREATION.

18

19 **RUSS GUINEA:** DESCANSO IS ONE OF FOUR BOTANIC GARDENS UNDER THE  
20 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND, A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO,  
21 THE BOARD DIRECTED THAT THE GARDENS BECOME SELF-SUSTAINING.  
22 DESCANSO HAS BECOME A MODEL FOR THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE  
23 RELATIONSHIP. AND THE DESCANSO GILD BEARS MOST OF THE COST OF  
24 OPERATING DESCANSO GARDENS. THE COUNTY PROVIDES SOME SUPPORT  
25 WITH STAFF AND SOME FINANCIAL SUPPORT BUT, REALLY, THE GARDENS



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1 ARE STANDING ON THEIR OWN AND WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF THE  
2 GILD. WE THINK DAVID IS GOING TO BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET AND  
3 HELP US MOVE DESCANSO FORWARD, SO WE REALLY WELCOME HIM TO THE  
4 COUNTY FAMILY AND TO DESCANSO. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AN  
7 OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY, KEN KONDO, WHO IS THE  
8 PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
9 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, TO RECOGNIZE HIM FOR HIS VITAL WORK THAT  
10 HE'S DONE ON BEHALF OF OUR CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
11 PRIOR TO JOINING THE COUNTY, HE HELD A VARIETY OF EXECUTIVE  
12 AND FRONT OFFICE POSITIONS, INCLUDING INCREASING  
13 RESPONSIBILITIES WITH THE CALIFORNIA ANGELS, NOW CALLED THE  
14 LOS ANGELES ANGELS AT ANAHEIM, UNDER THE OWNERSHIP OF JEAN AND  
15 JACKIE AUTRY, MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE AND  
16 WORLD FAMOUS HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS. HE ARRANGED FOR AT RISK  
17 PROBATION AND FOSTER YOUTH TO ATTEND WORLD PREMIER MOTION  
18 PICTURE SCREENINGS, AMATEUR COLLEGE, ANGEL BASEBALL GAMES AND  
19 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SPORTS EVENTS, THEATER, POETRY AND LIVE  
20 TELEVISION SHOWS. IN ADDITION, HE PROVIDES ASSISTANCE AND  
21 SUPPORT FOR THE ANNUAL OPERATION READ JAMBOREE AND HOLIDAY  
22 LUNCHEON FOR OUR EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH. HE'S WORKED WITH MY  
23 OFFICE ON THE FOSTER YOUTH CAREER FAIRS, REMEMBERING OUR  
24 VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILY EVENTS, SUCCESS IS OUR FUTURE  
25 CELEBRATIONS AND THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN'S 5-K RUN/WALK AND



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1 HEALTH EXPO THAT THE AT RISK GIRLS' HELD AT THE ROSE BOWL EACH  
2 YEAR AND YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY AT OUR PAMELA PARK IN DUARTE.  
3 FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, HE HAS SERVED AS COORDINATOR OF THE  
4 LOS ANGELES JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL AS A  
5 COMMUNITY LEADER. HE BELIEVES IN THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM,  
6 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERISM IS WHAT MAKES OUR  
7 COMMUNITY GREAT. HE HAS SPENT THE PAST 20 YEARS ASSISTING LOS  
8 ANGELES AMATEUR ATHLETIC FOUNDATION WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE  
9 SUMMER SWIM FESTIVAL WHICH BENEFITS CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE  
10 IN OUR COUNTY POOL PROGRAMS. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE AND CAREER,  
11 HE HAS COMPLETED AND COMPETED ON ALL LEVELS OF SWIMMING, FROM  
12 JUNIOR OLYMPICS TO COLLEGE, SENIOR AND MASTER COMPETITIONS. HE  
13 CAPTURED THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE 50-METER BACK STROKE AT THE  
14 2001 WORLD POLICE AND FIRE GAMES AND HAS WON MORE THAN 20  
15 SWIMMING MEDALS AT THE CALIFORNIA POLICE AND FIRE GAMES. SO  
16 TODAY, KEN, CONGRATULATIONS FOR ALL THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. I  
17 KNOW THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN  
18 HOW TO READ AND TO ALSO PARTICIPATE IN MANY OF OUR ATHLETIC  
19 AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS IN OUR COUNTY ARE APPRECIATIVE OF  
20 TAKING TIME TO GIVE THEM PROPER DIRECTION AND BE A GOOD ROLE  
21 MODEL TO THEM. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WITH US IS ALSO PAUL HIGGINS, WHO'S NOW  
24 OUR DIRECTOR OF PROBATION AND WE'LL HAVE PAUL SAY A FEW WORDS  
25 AND THEN KEN SAY A FEW WORDS. PAUL?



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2 **PAUL HIGGINS:** THANK YOU. FIRST, I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR  
3 APPRECIATION FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD FOR  
4 RECOGNIZING MR. KONDO'S PERFORMANCE. THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO  
5 VERY APPRECIATIVE AND THANKFUL FOR HIS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE  
6 IN SERVICE, BOTH TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO THE COUNTY. THANK  
7 YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **KEN KONDO:** WOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
10 TO THE BOARD, TO CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER PAUL HIGA, TO CHIEFS  
11 JIDA HADI IMARA, VIRGINIA SNAP AND TO THE OPERATION READ TEAM  
12 WHO IS IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY, MANDY, RENEE, KENT, STACEY. I  
13 DID A LOT OF THINGS WITH KIDS IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS AND, WHEN  
14 I JOINED THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, I WANTED TO SHARE THAT WITH  
15 THESE KIDS FROM THIS GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I'M  
16 HONORED AND I'M TOUCHED AND I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE TO ALL THE  
17 PROBATION OFFICERS AND STAFF WHO HAVE HELPED ME IN MAKING A  
18 BRIGHTER DAY FOR THE KIDS THAT WE WORK WITH AT RISK, PROBATION  
19 AND FOSTER CARE YOUTH. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
20 AND THE BOARD. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE 8-WEEK OLD LABRADOR  
23 RETRIEVER NAMED BUDDY. AND BUDDY IS LOOKING FOR A HOME, SO  
24 HE'S GOT ALSO A LITTLE-- PERHAPS A LITTLE BROTHER AND A SISTER  
25 THAT CAME WITH HIM THAT'S LOOKING FOR A HOME AS WELL. SO THOSE





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1 WHO ARE WATCHING ON TELEVISION CAN CALL (562) 728-4644 OR  
2 THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE LITTLE BUDDY TO BE THEIR  
3 BUDDY, HE'S LOOKING FOR A LITTLE HOME. SEE EVERYBODY OUT  
4 THERE? AND LABS ARE THE MOST GENTLE DOGS FOR CHILDREN. SEE  
5 EVERYBODY?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THAT DOG'S GOT "ZEV" WRITTEN ALL OVER IT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE READY TO BEGIN ON OUR  
10 PUBLIC HEARINGS. VIOLET, IF YOU'D ADMINISTER THE OATH.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. WILL ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY  
13 BEFORE THE BOARD ON ANY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS PLEASE  
14 STAND, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. [ ADMINISTERING  
15 OATH ]

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'VE HAD A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM  
20 SUPERVISOR KNABE TO HEAR ITEM NUMBER 7 FIRST, SO IF THERE'S NO  
21 OBJECTION, WE'LL TAKE THAT OUT OF ORDER AND BEGIN WITH ITEM 7  
22 AND THEN GO BACK TO ITEM NUMBER 1.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM 7, DE NOVO HEARING AN CONDITIONAL  
2 USE PERMIT, CASE NUMBER 98-044-(4) AND ON CERTIFICATION OF  
3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND  
4 USE OF A BUDDHIST TEMPLE AND RETREAT FACILITY. ALSO,  
5 MODIFICATION OF THE 35-FOOT HEIGHTS LIMIT IN THE A-1 ZONE FOR  
6 PROPERTY LOCATED IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS, PUENTE ZONE DISTRICT,  
7 APPLIED FOR BY YUAN YUNG BUDDHIST TEMPLE. AND FOR THIS ITEM,  
8 FOR THIS MEETING, MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN  
9 PROTESTS.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE, IF YOU'D PROCEED.

12

13 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD  
14 MORNING. I'M RUSSELL FRICANO OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
15 PLANNING AND TO MY LEFT IS SHIAO-CHING CHEN ALSO FROM REGIONAL  
16 PLANNING. DR. CHEN IS THE PLANNER FOR THIS CASE. THE ORIGINAL  
17 REQUEST FOR THIS PROJECT WAS FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO  
18 AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF A BUDDHIST TEMPLE AND  
19 RETREAT CENTER FACILITY IN THE A-11 ZONE. PROPERTY IS LOCATED  
20 AT 2740 TO 2776 FORTUNE ROLE IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS IN THE PUENTE  
21 ZONE DISTRICT. THE ORIGINAL FACILITY CONSISTED OF 15 BUILDINGS  
22 WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 57,433 SQUARE FEET, INCLUDING A  
23 FRONT BUILDING, A 50-FOOT HIGH MAIN CHAPEL, A SUNDAY SCHOOL  
24 BUILDING, GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING, PRAYER HALL, MEDITATION  
25 HALL, A 2-STORY BUILDING USED FOR STORAGE, UTILITIES AND A



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1 MEDITATION TRAINING HALL, A DINING HALL, FOUR DORMITORY  
2 BUILDINGS CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 29 DORMITORY UNITS, EACH WITH  
3 A CAPACITY OF TWO PERSONS, ONE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT, THE  
4 MASTER'S QUARTERS, AND ONE LIVING QUARTERS FOR AN EMPLOYEE OF  
5 THE FACILITY. THE CASE WAS HEARD BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
6 COMMISSION ON JULY 14TH AND SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2004. THE REGIONAL  
7 PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE PROJECT ON APRIL 13TH, 2005.  
8 THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN THE COMMENTS FROM THE OPPOSITION  
9 INCLUDED TRAFFIC IMPACTS, VISUAL IMPACTS DUE TO THE PROPOSED  
10 HEIGHT OF THE MAIN TEMPLE BUILDING, IMPACTS TO THE RURAL  
11 CHARACTER OF THE AREA, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, AIR QUALITY  
12 IMPACTS, NOISE, DECREASED PROPERTY VALUES AND OVER  
13 CONCENTRATION OF CHURCHES IN THE AREA, THE NEED FOR EQUESTRIAN  
14 TRAILS IN THE VICINITY AND THE RESIDENTIAL RETREAT ASPECT OF  
15 THE PROJECT AND ADEQUACY OF PROPOSED TRAFFIC MITIGATION.  
16 ISSUES OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE WERE ADDRESSED IN THE  
17 MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
18 REPORT. THE APPLICANT APPEALED THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
19 COMMISSION DECISION WITH A REVISED PROJECT AND THE APPLICANT  
20 REVISED THE DESIGN AND PROPOSED TO MODIFY IT FIVE C.U.P.  
21 CONDITIONS AND I'LL SUMMARIZE THOSE BRIEFLY. CHANGES TO THE  
22 CONDITIONS INCLUDE THE INCREASE IN MINIMUM PARKING FROM 133 TO  
23 230 SPACES. OCCUPANCY IN THE DORMITORY IS REDUCED FROM 58 TO  
24 28 PERSONS. RETREAT GUESTS ARE PERMITTED TO PARK ON-SITE.  
25 DELETION OF A CONDITION REQUIRING THE PERMITTEE TO MAINTAIN A



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1 LOG OF THE GUESTS AND THE REVISED CONDITIONS SPECIFYING  
2 ALLOWANCE OF A DRIVEWAY ON PATHFINDER. THE APPLICANT ALSO  
3 SCALED DOWN THE DESIGN OF THE PROJECT. THE CURRENT PROPOSAL  
4 CONSISTS OF 14 BUILDINGS TOTALING 55,760 SQUARE FEET COMPARED  
5 TO THE ORIGINAL 15 BUILDING, 57,433-SQUARE-FOOT DESIGN  
6 APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. THE PROPOSAL  
7 ALSO ADDS AN ADDITIONAL DRIVEWAY TO PATHFINDER ROAD BY A  
8 HUNDRED-FOOT INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT THROUGH THE VINTAGE  
9 POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION PROPERTY. THE REVISED PROPOSAL IS  
10 BEFORE THIS BOARD TODAY AND THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD? VERY GOOD.  
13 ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO TESTIFY. FIRST, I'M  
14 GOING TO CALL ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL IN OPPOSITION TO  
15 THIS PROPOSAL. IF WE COULD HAVE RUSSELL BELL, SUJANE  
16 PUMMARACHAI, ELIZABETH LEE AND MOSES BARDAAD. IF THEY'D JOIN  
17 US, PLEASE. WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT YOU TO THREE MINUTES.  
18 HOPEFULLY, YOU DON'T NEED TO TAKE ALL OF THAT TIME. THERE ARE  
19 VARIOUS OTHER PEOPLE ON THIS ISSUE. WHY DON'T YOU BEGIN.

20

21 **RUSSELL BELL:** I CAN'T TALK THAT LONG, SO...

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WHY DON'T YOU BEGIN, MR. BELL.

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1   **RUSSELL BELL:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MOLINA AND MEMBERS OF THE  
2   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RUSSELL BELL. I LIVE AT 18030  
3   CONQUELBUR PLACE, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA. I AM A MEMBER  
4   OF THE BOARD OF THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COORDINATING  
5   COUNCIL AND IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THAT ORGANIZATION.  
6   ACTUALLY, I AM NOT HERE TO OPPOSE THE PROJECT AS SUCH. I MUST  
7   THANK AND COMMEND THE MEMBERS OF THE BUDDHIST RETREAT FOR WHAT  
8   THEY HAVE DONE IN ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY,  
9   GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY THAT THEY HAVE TO CONSTRUCT THEIR  
10   FACILITY. WHAT I'M MOST CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE WAY THE COUNTY  
11   INTERPRETS ZONING AND OUR COMMUNITY GENERAL PLAN. OUR  
12   COMMUNITY GENERAL PLAN WAS ESTABLISHED IN-- OR SIGNED IN 1989  
13   BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND IT CLEARLY STATES THAT ROWLAND  
14   HEIGHTS IS TO BE A RURAL COMMUNITY. AND THE WAY THE COUNTY HAS  
15   INTERPRETED OUR COMMUNITY GENERAL PLAN IS THAT BUILDINGS AND  
16   PARKING LOTS CAN BE PUT VIRTUALLY ANYWHERE IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
17   WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS AN ENTIRE AREA OF HOUSING HAS BEEN  
18   DISTURBED OR DESTROYED BY ALLOWING BUILDINGS OF THIS TYPE, 35-  
19   FOOT BUILDINGS, WALLS, PARKING LOTS. IT'S NOT THE TYPE OF  
20   BUILDING THAT'S OF CONCERN BUT THE ACTUAL BUILDINGS  
21   THEMSELVES. OTHER CITIES, MANY OTHER CITIES, SEEM TO BE ABLE  
22   TO PREVENT BUILDINGS OF THIS TYPE, PARKING LOTS OF THIS TYPE  
23   IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. IN OUR COMMUNITY, IT HASN'T HAPPENED,  
24   AND I ASK WHY. THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT, MEMBERS OF  
25   THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO VISIT THE SITE OF ANY



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1 PROPOSAL. THEY'RE NOT. THEY DON'T. THEY DON'T SEE WHAT HAPPENS  
2 TO OUR COMMUNITY, THEY DON'T SEE THE TRAFFIC IMPACTS, THEY  
3 DON'T SEE THE DAMAGE TO RESIDENTIAL AREAS, THEY DON'T SEE THE  
4 DAMAGE TO PEOPLE THAT THIS CAUSES. IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA,  
5 MANY PEOPLE HAVE BOUGHT THEIR HOMES TO RETIRE, TO HAVE HORSE  
6 PROPERTY, AND THEY'VE HAD TO GIVE IT UP, THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN  
7 DESTROYED. THEY BOUGHT A HOME TO BE ABLE TO SEE...

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE, MR. BELL?

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11 **RUSSELL BELL:** I BEG YOUR PARDON?

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE SUMMARIZE, SIR.

14

15 **RUSSELL BELL:** OH, OKAY. THE COUNTY SHOULD CONSIDER RESIDENTS  
16 OF COMMUNITIES BEFORE PROJECTS ARE APPROVED LIKE THIS. THEY  
17 TALK ABOUT RESIDENTIAL RETREAT AND THEY TALK ABOUT THE NEED  
18 FOR MORE HOMES.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. BELL.

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22 **RUSSELL BELL:** THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I APOLOGIZE FOR MISPRONOUNCING IT.

25 PUMMARACHAI, IS THAT CORRECT?





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**SUJANE PUMMARACHAI:** PUMMARACHAI. MY NAME IS SUJANE PUMMARACHAI  
AND I LIVE IN 18495 FIDAGO STREET, ROWLAND HEIGHTS,  
CALIFORNIA, 91748. YOUR HONOR, THIS BUILDING IS JUST ROUND THE  
CORNER FROM MY HOUSE. WITH THESE 15 ENORMOUS BUILDINGS, NO  
LIMIT TO BUDDHIST TEMPLE. WE'LL HAVE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS  
OF STRANGERS IN AND OUT OF THE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD. IT  
WILL BRING NO PEACE, NO SAFETY IN OUR AREAS. ARE THEY CHANGING  
THE ZONE IN OUR NEIGHBOR 35-FOOT HEIGHTS LIMIT IN THE A-1 ZONE  
FOR PROPERTY? ARE YOU KIDDING? PLEASE KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD  
RESIDENTIAL FOR OUR SAFETY TO OUR CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY AFTER  
SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS. WE HAVE SEEN THE OUTCOME OF OUR ADJACENT  
CITIES TEMPLE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. AFTER THAT BIG BUILDING,  
THE NEIGHBORS ARE GREATLY DISTURBED BY A CROWD OF PEOPLE  
DURING THE FESTIVAL, THE TRAFFIC, THE NOISE, ET CETERA. WE CRY  
BECAUSE IT STEALS THE PEACE OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY. WHY DON'T  
THEY COMBINE IN SUCH A DISTANCE THEY CAN WORSHIP TOGETHER. I'M  
SINCERELY AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

19

**SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. MISS LEE.

21

**ELIZABETH LEE:** OKAY. I OPPOSE THIS FOR THREE REASONS. FIRST  
ONE, I THINK THAT BOTH OF THEM MENTIONED, THAT'S THE 35-FOOT  
HEIGHT. I KNOW IT'S NOT ALLOWED, EVEN ON COMMERCIAL ZONE BUT  
RIGHT NOW THE A-1 ZONE IS THE AGRICULTURE ZONE, OKAY? SO I



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1 THINK THAT'S ILLEGAL BUT THEY TRY TO MODIFY THE LAWS.  
2 SECONDLY, I'M OPPOSED BECAUSE I KNOW, LIKE, AFTER THE PUBLIC  
3 HEARINGS, IF IT IS APPROVED, USUALLY, WE HAVE 20 YEARS TO  
4 REVIEW THIS BUT I WAS TOLD THEY WILL GATHER 35 YEARS TO REVIEW  
5 THEIR PROJECT. SO I THINK THAT'S ILLEGAL. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER  
6 THEY CAN GET A SPECIAL FAVOR. I'M NOT SURE. OKAY. THE THIRD  
7 REASON I OPPOSE THIS IS BECAUSE, IN THE PAST, I THINK THE  
8 OTHERS MENTION THAT IT'S NOT ALLOWED TO OPEN A GATE AND MAKE  
9 THE DRIVEWAY ON PATHFINDER. BUT RIGHT NOW THEY TRY TO MODIFY  
10 THE LAW AGAIN. OKAY. I WAS AN IMMIGRANT. LIKE, 40 YEARS AGO, I  
11 CAME TO U.S.A. IF I, LIKE, DIDN'T PAINT THE FENCE OR I DIDN'T  
12 MOW THE LAWN OF MY GARDEN, I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN FROM LETTER  
13 FROM, LIKE, THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TELLING ME, LIKE, I RUIN  
14 THE COMMUNITY. I AM HAPPY, LIKE, I LIVE HERE BECAUSE THIS IS  
15 THE COUNTRY'S CENTER. THE USA IS COUNTRY CENTER SO EVEN ONE  
16 HOUSEHOLD, IT WILL AFFECT THE WHOLE COUNTRY AND THE WHOLE  
17 COMMUNITY. IF THEY MADE THE-- IF THEY THE BAD DECISION AND THE  
18 WRONG DECISION, I THINK IT WILL RUIN THE WHOLE COMMUNITY AND  
19 THE COUNTRY. OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. BARDAVID.

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23 **MOSES BARDAVID:** ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS  
24 MOSES BARDAVID. I'M ACTUALLY AN ATTORNEY THAT WAS HIRED BY  
25 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT FELT THAT THEIR VOICES WEREN'T



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1 BEING HEARD ON THIS MATTER. I DO HAVE HERE 62 SIGNATURES FROM  
2 MEMBERS OPPOSING-- MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE ROWLAND  
3 HEIGHTS AND SURROUNDING AREAS OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
4 THIS TEMPLE ON THE SITE AS IT IS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE  
5 COMMUNITY STILL FEELS THAT THEY HAVEN'T GOTTEN THE PROPER  
6 REPRESENTATION OR INFORMATION WITH REGARDS TO THE IMPACT OF  
7 THIS CONSTRUCTION, WHICH IS A MASSIVE CONSTRUCTION, AS IT WILL  
8 AFFECT TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN  
9 RAISED IN THE PAST. SOME MODIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BUT THE  
10 MAIN FEARS STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ALLEVIATED. MOST IMPORTANTLY,  
11 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE TRAFFIC ISSUES AND THE SAFETY  
12 CONDITIONS ON FULLERTON ROAD. THE INTERSECTION WAS RANKED AN  
13 "F" STATUS PRIOR TO THE CREATION OF THIS BUILDING AND THE  
14 MITIGATION THAT WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE REPORTS IS MERELY SOME  
15 CAMERAS TO LOOK OVER THE TRAFFIC, SEE WHAT'S GOING ON AND  
16 HOPEFULLY IMPACT ARRANGEMENTS IN FIXING OF THIS TRAFFIC ISSUE  
17 IN THE FUTURE. BUT IT DOES NOT FIX THE ISSUES THAT WILL ARRIVE  
18 NOW. THE REPORTS CLEARLY STATE THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE 516  
19 EXTRA TRIPS DAILY TO THE AREA, OVER 1,200 TRIPS ON SUNDAYS AND  
20 WE STILL HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW THESE TRIPS ARE GOING TO BE  
21 MODIFIED OR HOW SAFETY IS GOING TO BE IMPROVED IN AN  
22 INTERSECTION THAT IS ALREADY WROUGHT WITH DANGER AND  
23 ACCIDENTS. ALSO, SPEAKING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT, THE  
24 PREVIOUS PROPOSITION, WHICH WAS APPROVED, WE DID HAVE ISSUES  
25 WITH REGARDS TO AIR QUALITY. AIR QUALITY HAD NOT BEEN LOOKED



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1 AT IN THE PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT. MY UNDERSTANDING IS  
2 THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT WAS SUPPOSED TO REVIEW AIR  
3 QUALITY STANDARDS AND THE COMMUNITY HASN'T HAD THE CHANCE TO  
4 REVIEW ITS IMPACT. THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF ISSUES THAT ARE  
5 GOING TO AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT WITH REGARDS TO AIR. NUMBER  
6 ONE, IT'S THE THREE YEARS WORTH OF CONSTRUCTION. NUMBER TWO  
7 WILL BE THE INCREASED TRAFFIC AND NOW WE'RE LOOKING AT THE  
8 MODIFIED PROPOSAL HAVING EXTRA PARKING SPACES WHICH, TO ME,  
9 MEANS LOGICALLY THERE'S JUST GOING TO BE MORE TRIPS TO THE  
10 AREA. THIRDLY IS THE BURNING OF INCENSE AND MONEYS, ET CETERA,  
11 WHICH IS PART OF TYPICAL RITUAL, WHICH IS NOT MUCH OF A  
12 PROBLEM BUT IT DOES AFFECT THE AIR QUALITY IN THE SURROUNDING  
13 AREAS AND DOES RAISE ISSUES AS TO EMBERS AND FIRE HAZARDS, ET  
14 CETERA. ONCE AGAIN, I HAVE TO REITERATE, THE ORIGINAL LENGTH  
15 OF USE REQUESTED ON THIS SITUATION WAS APPROXIMATELY 35-YEAR  
16 STANDARD. WE HAVE A 20-YEAR REVIEW AND OUR UNDERSTANDING IS  
17 THAT THEY ARE LOOKING TO INCREASE THE HEIGHT LIMIT FROM 35 TO  
18 50 FEET ON THE CENTER BUILDING, WHICH IS GOING TO OBSTRUCT THE  
19 VISION AND THE LOOK OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. NEXT WE HAVE OWEN  
22 MENARD, IAN LEE. IF THEY'D JOIN US, PLEASE. JOSEPHINE CHI-  
23 FANG. PLEASE COME UP. CHI-FANG HSU.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE THESE IN SUPPORT OF?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES. MICHAEL LEWIS AND TED EBENKAMP.

3

4 **JOSEPHINE FONG CHIN:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. HI. GOOD MORNING,  
5 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOSEPHINE FONG CHIN AND I'M A RESIDENT  
6 OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS. MY ADDRESS IS 17441 PAMELA COURT, ROWLAND  
7 HEIGHTS, OF CALIFORNIA. THE MEMBERS OF OUR TEMPLE AND MANY OF  
8 OUR SUPPORTERS IN THE COMMUNITY, WE'RE VERY PLEASED WHEN THE  
9 PLANNING COMMISSION VOTED TO APPROVE THE PROJECT LAST  
10 SEPTEMBER. MANY OF US COME HERE TODAY TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR  
11 THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THIS PROJECT, WHICH THE TEMPLE HAS  
12 VOLUNTARILY OFFERED TO MAKE. ALL OF THESE CHANGES, TO ADD  
13 PARKING, THE ADDITIONAL DRIVEWAY, THE REMOVAL OF THE GUEST  
14 DORMITORY WILL IMPROVE THE PROJECT AND FURTHER REDUCE THE  
15 TRAFFIC IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO  
16 EARN THE SUPPORT FROM THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY. FOR THE  
17 PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING, WE SUBMITTED PETITIONS SIGNED BY  
18 OVER 14,500 PEOPLE SUPPORTING THE PROJECT. OVER A THOUSAND OF  
19 THOSE SIGNATURES WERE FROM RESIDENTS OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS. WE  
20 BROUGHT A NUMBER OF OUR SUPPORTERS HERE TODAY AND I WOULD LIKE  
21 THEM TO STAND IN A SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR THIS PROPOSAL.  
22 SUPERVISOR, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS  
23 MATTER AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED  
24 CHANGES OFFERED BY THE TEMPLE AND THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS  
25 COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I DON'T KNOW, ARE YOU CHI-FANG  
3 HSU?

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5 **CHI-FANG HSU:** CHI-FANG HSU. YES. OKAY. MY NAME IS CHI-FANG  
6 HSU. MY ADDRESS IS 2262 BOLEROS AVENUE, ROWLAND HEIGHTS,  
7 CALIFORNIA, 91748. AND I'D LIKE TO STATE ROWLAND HEIGHTS, IT'S  
8 A VERY DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOOD, JUST LIKE MOST AREAS IN L.A. THIS  
9 PROJECT WILL SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR DIVERSE POPULATION AND  
10 REFLECT THE REAL CHARACTERISTIC OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS. ALSO,  
11 EVERYONE FROM THE BUDDHIST RETREAT CENTER WOULD LIKE TO BUILD  
12 A STRONG FRIENDSHIP WITH THE NEIGHBORS AND TAKE THE  
13 CONSIDERATION-- RESIDENTS' OPINION IN CONSIDERATION, SO WE  
14 HAVE DONE SOME MODIFICATIONS ON THIS PROJECT. AFTER ALL, I'D  
15 LIKE TO SEE THIS PROJECT CAN BE PASSED AND THANK YOU ALL TO  
16 HEAR THIS CASE AGAIN.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. SIR?

19

20 **TED EBENKAMP:** MY NAME IS TED EBENKAMP. I LIVE AT 1815 DEBAND  
21 PLACE IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS. I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF-- THE  
22 CURRENT VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY  
23 COORDINATING COUNCIL AND I AM TESTIFYING HERE TODAY  
24 REPRESENTING THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THAT ORGANIZATION. AS  
25 STATED EARLIER, THIS PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL





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1 PLANNING COMMISSION SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, FOLLOWING HEARINGS AT  
2 WHICH A LARGE NUMBER OF COMMUNITY RESIDENTS EXPRESSED  
3 SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION. SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPROVAL, THE  
4 APPLICANTS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COORDINATING  
5 COUNCIL SEEKING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE REASONS FOR THE  
6 COMMUNITY OPPOSITION. THOSE DISCUSSIONS LED TO THE APPLICANTS  
7 APPEALING THEIR OWN PROJECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING  
8 CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CONDITIONS OF USE IN RESPONSE TO SOME  
9 OF THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS. COORDINATING COUNSEL  
10 ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTS THESE REQUESTS AND CHANGES. WE FEEL  
11 STRONGLY THEY WILL LESSEN THE IMPACT OF THE PROJECT ON OUR  
12 COMMUNITY AND WE COMMEND THE APPLICANT FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS  
13 TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS. AS STATED EARLIER, THE REQUESTED  
14 CHANGES WOULD ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING: INCREASE THE NUMBER OF  
15 PARKING PLACES, ELIMINATE THE DORMITORIES FOR VISITORS TO  
16 THEIR RETREATS, ALLOW FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL  
17 INGRESS/EGRESS VIA PATHFINDER ROAD. WE FEEL ALL OF THESE ARE  
18 IMPORTANT CHANGES. WE HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL SUGGESTION FOR A  
19 CHANGE, WHICH WE BELIEVE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE APPLICANT.  
20 REGIONAL PLANNING REQUIRED A SOLID BLOCK WALL FENCE  
21 SURROUNDING THE ENTIRE PROPERTY. GRAFFITI VANDALISM IS A  
22 SERIOUS PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE SUGGEST SUCH A LONG  
23 SOLID FENCE WOULD BE AN ATTRACTIVE TARGET FOR SUCH VANDALS.  
24 MAINTENANCE WOULD BE AN ONGOING PROBLEM, BOTH FOR THE  
25 APPLICANT AND BE A NUISANCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WE ASK YOUR



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1 BOARD TO CONSIDER GIVING THE APPLICANT THE OPTION OF  
2 INSTALLING WROUGHT IRON FENCING FOR THOSE PORTIONS OF THE  
3 PROPERTY THAT ARE VISIBLE FROM PATHFINDER ROAD. WE THANK YOU  
4 FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS APPEAL AND, AGAIN, WE URGE YOU  
5 TO APPROVE THE SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE CONDITIONS OF USE.  
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. ARE YOU MR. LEE?

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10 **IAN LEE:** YES, I AM. GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. MY  
11 NAME IS IAN LEE AND I VOLUNTEER AT THE TEMPLE OR I PREFER TO  
12 CALL IT THE BUDDHIST CENTER. I'D LIKE TO URGE THE BOARD TO  
13 SUPPORT THE ISSUE AT HAND HERE BECAUSE THE NEW BUDDHIST CENTER  
14 SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY AND IT IS VERY COMPLIANT, ACCOMMODATING  
15 AND IS A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE COMMUNITY. AND, TOGETHER,  
16 THE CENTER WILL ADD CALM AND PURPOSE IN THIS UNCERTAIN TIME.  
17 I'D LIKE TO YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME TO THE NEXT GENTLEMAN.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. LEWIS?

20

21 **MICHAEL LEWIS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MIKE LEWIS, I AM  
22 REPRESENTING THE YIN-YONG BUDDHIST CENTER. MY ADDRESS IS 2149  
23 EAST GARVEY AVENUE NORTH, SUITE A11 IN WEST COVINA. LET ME  
24 ADDRESS A COUPLE OF POINTS. IT'S A LITTLE BIT UNUSUAL THAT  
25 WE'RE HERE TODAY BECAUSE, AS WAS SAID PREVIOUSLY, THIS PROJECT



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1 WAS ACTUALLY APPEALED BY THE APPLICANT FROM THE APPROVAL BY  
2 THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMUNITY, WHO  
3 CAME TO THE APPLICANT AFTER THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE  
4 PROJECT AND ASKED IF WE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER MAKING  
5 SOME CHANGES TO THE PROJECT. AND I THINK THEIR WILLINGNESS TO  
6 DEMONSTRATE SOME GOODWILL AND THEIR DESIRE TO BE A GOOD  
7 NEIGHBOR INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD. ONCE THOSE CHANGES WERE  
8 AGREED TO FOR A NUMBER OF CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COORDINATING  
9 COUNCIL WASN'T IN A POSITION TO APPEAL THE PROJECT THEMSELVES  
10 SO THE APPLICANT APPEALED IT ON THEIR OWN. THE ISSUES THAT  
11 WE'RE ASKING TO HAVE CHANGED IS THE TEMPLE HAS AGREED TO BUILD  
12 230 PARKING SPACES. THERE WERE ONLY 133 REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY  
13 CODE. THEY HAVE AGREED TO REMOVE THE OVERNIGHT GUEST  
14 ACCOMMODATIONS WHICH WERE BEING PROVIDED FOR GUESTS THAT WOULD  
15 BE THERE FOR QUARTERLY RETREATS BUT THEY WILL KEEP THE ABBEY  
16 FACILITIES, WHICH ARE THE PERMANENT HOUSING RESIDENTS FOR THE  
17 28 NUNS THAT WOULD LIVE THERE. AND WE AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO  
18 ACQUIRE A RIGHT-OF-WAY ACROSS AN ADJOINING PROPERTY SO THAT WE  
19 COULD BUILD A DRIVEWAY TO PATHFINDER ROAD. THAT RIGHT-OF-WAY  
20 IS MERELY-- OR THAT EASEMENT IS ACROSS A LANDSCAPED REMNANT  
21 THAT BELONGS TO AN ADJACENT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. THE  
22 HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION HAS AGREED TO SELL US THAT EASEMENT.  
23 WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING THAT NOW, WE'VE MADE THEM  
24 AN OFFER. WE EXPECT THEM TO VOTE ON IT IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS  
25 AND, ASSUMING THAT THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED AND WE CAN SATISFY



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1 THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH THE DESIGN, WE'LL PROCEED  
2 WITH THAT DRIVEWAY. THE PURPOSE OF THE DRIVEWAY REALLY IS TO  
3 CREATE AN INTERSECTION WITH THE DRIVEWAY ACROSS THE STREET,  
4 WHICH SERVES PATHFINDER PARK, AND THE HOPE IS THAT THAT WILL  
5 THEN HELP TO JUSTIFY SOME CONTROL OR SIGNALIZATION AT THAT  
6 INTERSECTION WHICH WILL MAKE FOR MUCH SAFER INGRESS AND EGRESS  
7 TO THE PARK FOR THE MANY, MANY RESIDENTS THAT USE THAT  
8 FACILITY. SO THOSE ARE THE CHANGES THAT WE'VE AGREED TO. WE'D  
9 BE HAPPY TO HAVE THE BOARD APPROVE THOSE AND, IF THERE ARE ANY  
10 QUESTIONS, I'D BE HAPPY TO TRY AND ADDRESS THOSE AS WELL. I  
11 HAVE WITH US TODAY THE PLANNER FOR THE PROJECT, THE ARCHITECT,  
12 THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT AND OUR TRAFFIC CONSULTANT AS  
13 WELL.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
16 KNABE?

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. IS THERE ANY MORE  
19 TESTIMONY?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO. THAT CONCLUDES THE TESTIMONY.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** IF NOT, THEN I WOULD MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
24 HEARING AND I DO HAVE A MOTION THAT I WILL HAND OUT.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS MOVED.

2    SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING  
3    AND YOU HAVE A MOTION?

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5    **SUP. KNABE:** YES. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NUMBER 98-044 IS  
6    A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF A BUDDHIST  
7    TEMPLE AND RETREAT FACILITY, 27402776 FULLERTON ROAD IN  
8    ROWLAND HEIGHTS. THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE PROJECT  
9    WITH AN EXTENSIVE SET OF MITIGATION MEASURES AND IT HAS BEEN  
10    APPEALED TO THE BOARD AND, AS MR. LEWIS INDICATED, THE TEMPLE,  
11    IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR, ACTUALLY PAID FOR THE  
12    APPEAL AND SO WE APPRECIATE THAT. THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN  
13    ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THIS CASE FROM THE OUTSET, RAISING  
14    LEGITIMATE CONCERNS REGARDING QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES THAT  
15    NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE APPLICANT. WE'RE PLEASED THAT  
16    THE APPLICANT AND THE COMMUNITY, THROUGH THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS  
17    COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL, HAVE WORKED DILIGENTLY TO  
18    ARRIVE AT FURTHER REVISIONS TO THE PROJECT WHICH WILL ALLOW IT  
19    TO BETTER CO-EXIST WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE COMMUNITY. I  
20    SUPPORT THESE FURTHER MEASURES WHICH WILL BETTER ENABLE THE  
21    TEMPLE TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR IN THE COMMUNITY. SO I THEREFORE  
22    MOVE THAT THE BOARD, ONE, CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, AS I  
23    INDICATED, CERTIFY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ADOPT  
24    THE MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE PROJECT AND, THREE,  
25    INDICATE OUR INTENT TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION AND INSTRUCT



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1 COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND  
2 CONDITIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO THE  
3 PROJECT CONDITIONS. ONE, AMEND CONDITION NUMBER 28 TO REQUIRE  
4 THE 230 PARK SPACES BE PROVIDED RATHER THAN 133. 2, TO AMEND  
5 CONDITION NUMBER 32, TO DELETE THE RIGHT FOR OVERNIGHT GUEST  
6 ACCOMMODATIONS FOR QUARTERLY RETREAT PARTICIPANTS AND  
7 ELIMINATE THE CORRESPONDING BUILDING. THREE, AMEND CONDITION  
8 33 TO PERMIT RETREAT GUESTS TO PARK ON SITE DURING REGULAR  
9 TEMPLE ACTIVITIES. 4, ELIMINATE CONDITION NUMBER 34 SINCE  
10 THERE WILL NO LONGER BE OVERNIGHT GUESTS STAYING IN THE  
11 DORMITORIES. 5, AMEND CONDITION 40 TO REQUIRE THAT THE  
12 APPLICANT ALSO COMPLY WITH THE REVISED REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
13 JULY 18TH, 2005 LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
14 ACCEPT THAT THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO CONSTRUCT THE  
15 PROPOSED DRIVEWAY TO PATHFINDER ROAD AS LONG AS THE DEPARTMENT  
16 OF PUBLIC WORKS FINDS IT FEASIBLE AND AS LONG AS THE APPLICANT  
17 ATTAINS THE NECESSARY RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE DRIVEWAY WHICH IT  
18 SHALL EXERCISE ALL REASONABLE DILIGENCE TO OBTAIN, AND ACCEPT  
19 THAT, IF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION AT PATHFINDER  
20 AND THE PROPOSED PROJECT DRIVEWAYS DEEMED NECESSARY, AS  
21 DETERMINED BY PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN THREE YEARS AFTER THE  
22 OCCUPANCY OF THE PROJECT, FUNDING FOR THE SIGNAL SHALL BE  
23 PROVIDED BY OUR FOURTH DISTRICT ROAD FUNDS, ALONG WITH THE  
24 CONTRIBUTION OF \$25,000 BY THE APPLICANT. THE APPLICANT-- 6,  
25 THE APPLICANT SHALL BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO CONSTRUCT A WROUGHT





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1 IRON FENCE IN LIEU OF THE BLOCK WALL FENCE ALONG PATHFINDER  
2 ROAD. AND THAT IS MY MOTION, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. IS THERE A SECOND? SECONDED BY  
5 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US. ANY  
6 QUESTION OR COMMENT? ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE COORDINATING  
9 COUNCIL AND THE TEMPLE AND THE NEIGHBORS. AND I KNOW THERE  
10 CONTINUES TO BE ISSUES OUT THERE. WE TRY TO WORK TOGETHER BUT  
11 I THINK WE'VE-- THIS PROJECT HAS COME A LONG WAY FROM THE VERY  
12 BEGINNING AND IT TOOK A LOT OF EFFORT BETWEEN THE VARIOUS  
13 PARTIES AND I COMMEND ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT.  
16 NEXT ITEM. WE'LL GO BACK TO ITEM NUMBER 1.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF SUBDIVISION  
19 TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND  
20 COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND THE  
21 LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED SUBDIVISION  
22 TERRITORIES FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR  
23 2006/2007 AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR, AND WE  
24 DO HAVE A STATEMENT FROM STAFF.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE.

2

3    **ANTHONY NYIVIH:** MY NAME IS ANTHONY NYIVIH AND I'M A SENIOR  
4    CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM  
5    FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF  
6    TERRITORY TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY  
7    LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND THE LEVYING  
8    AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENT FOR FOUR TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION  
9    AREAS DESCRIBED IN THE BOARD LETTER. IN MY OPINION, THE  
10    SUBDIVISION AREAS WOULD BE BENEFITED BY ANNEXATION AND THE  
11    SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN  
12    SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFITS. IN THE EVENT THERE ARE NO  
13    MAJORITY PROTESTS, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT  
14    THIS RECOMMENDATION TO ANNEX AND TO LEVY THE PROPOSED  
15    ASSESSMENTS. WE'RE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE  
16    THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND  
17    THE INVOLVED NON-EXEMPT AGENCIES, WHICH HAVE ALL CONSENTED.

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19    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES YOUR REPORT? VERY GOOD. WE  
20    DON'T HAVE ANY-- WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING OR...

21

22    **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE  
23    TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THEN ORDER THE CLERK TO  
24    TABULATE THE BALLOTS AND TABLE THE MATTER.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE  
2   CLOSED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
3   BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED.  
4   AND SO WE WILL TABULATE THE VOTES AND THEN BRING THAT BACK?

5

6   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 2.

9

10   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON THE EXCLUSION OF PARCEL W218-  
11   05 FROM THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT IN THE  
12   CITY OF WEST COVINA. AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM  
13   CHAIR, AND WE DO HAVE A STATEMENT.

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE PROCEED.

16

17   **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBU AND I'M A SENIOR  
18   CIVIL ENGINEER FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR  
19   WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE EXCLUSION OF THE AREA KNOWN AS  
20   WEST COVINA ANNEXATION 2004-03 IN THE CITY OF WEST COVINA FROM  
21   THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. THE EXCLUSION WAS  
22   REQUESTED BY THE CITY. IN MY OPINION, THE AREA SOUGHT TO BE  
23   EXCLUDED WILL NOT BE BENEFITED BY REMAINING IN THE DISTRICT  
24   AND THE AREAS REMAINING IN THE DISTRICT FOLLOWING THE  
25   EXCLUSION WILL BE BENEFITED BY CONTINUING TO BE INCLUDED



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1    WITHIN THE DISTRICT. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO OBJECTIONS TO THE  
2    PROPOSED EXCLUSION.

3

4    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SO THERE NO ONE THAT IS  
5    TESTIFYING ON THIS, SO THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED BY  
6    SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF  
7    THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT. ASK YOU'RE MOVING  
8    THE ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED.

11

12   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AGAIN,  
13   SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
14   ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 3.

15

16   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING TO VACATE A PORTION OF RIDGE  
17   ROUTE ROAD, ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
18   PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR. AND WE HAVE A STATEMENT.

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE.

21

22   **JOSE SUAREZ:** MY NAME IS JOSE SUAREZ, I'M AN ASSOCIATE CIVIL  
23   ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I HAVE  
24   INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED VACATION OF THE COUNTY'S INTEREST IN  
25   THE PORTION OF RIDGE ROUTE ROAD BETWEEN 30,360 FEET SOUTH OF



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1 PINE CANYON ROAD AND 4,752 FEET NORTH OF TEMPLIN HIGHWAY,  
2 WHICH LIES ENTIRELY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ANGELES  
3 NATIONAL FOREST. THE PROPOSED VACATION AREA CONTAINS  
4 APPROXIMATELY 16.7 MILES OF ROADWAY. IN MY OPINION, THE  
5 INVOLVED INTEREST PROPOSED TO BE VACATED ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR  
6 PRESENT OR PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC USE, INCLUDING AS A NON-  
7 MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION FACILITY OF THE COUNTY. THE VACATION  
8 WILL NOT CUT OFF ACCESS TO ANY PROPERTIES OR NEGATIVELY IMPACT  
9 OTHER PROPERTIES. THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE HAS ASSUMED  
10 THE MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THIS PORTION OF RIDGE  
11 ROUTE ROAD. WE ARE AWARE OF NO WRITTEN PROTESTS TO THE  
12 PROPOSED VACATION.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE HAVE ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO  
15 WISHES TO ADDRESS US AND THAT'S MR. HARRISON I. SCOTT. YOU MAY  
16 JOIN US. YOU MAY SIT.

17

18 **HARRISON I. SCOTT:** MY NAME IS HARRISON IRVING SCOTT. MY  
19 ADDRESS IS 908 PATRONELLA AVENUE, TORRANCE. I AM A HISTORIAN,  
20 AUTHOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE RIDGE ROUTE PRESERVATION  
21 ORGANIZATION. THIS MATTER CAME UP BEFORE THE COUNTY IN THE  
22 1980S, I BELIEVE, IF MY MEMORY HOLDS AND THE HONORABLE BOARD  
23 DECIDED TO TABLE THE MATTER, THINKING THE ROAD COULD BE USED  
24 FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. ACTUALLY, I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE  
25 VACATION OF THE ROAD BUT BRIEF HISTORY HERE, REAL BRIEF. THE



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1 ROAD WAS THE VERY FIRST ROAD CALIFORNIA BUILT OVER THE SAN  
2 GABRIEL AND TEHACHAPI MOUNTAINS IN 1915 AND THEY SAID IT  
3 COULDN'T BE DONE. BY THE VERY NATURE THAT THIS ROAD WAS BUILT,  
4 CALIFORNIA DID NOT SEPARATE INTO TWO STATES, WHICH IT WOULD  
5 HAVE HAD THE ROAD NOT BEEN BUILT. FURTHERMORE, THIS ROAD IS  
6 ONE OF ONLY TWO ROADS IN CALIFORNIA RECOGNIZED ON THE NATIONAL  
7 REGISTER, THE OTHER ONE BEING THE REDWOOD HIGHWAY IN NORTHERN  
8 CALIFORNIA. SO THE ROAD HAS A GREAT DEAL OF HISTORICAL  
9 SIGNIFICANCE. UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN IT WAS REPLACED IN 1933 BY  
10 THE RIDGE ALTERNATE, ALSO KNOWN AS U.S. 99, THE COUNTY WAS  
11 GIVEN THE ROAD, THE ORIGINAL ROAD THAT WAS BUILT IN 1915  
12 THAT'S UP FOR VACATION TODAY. THE COUNTY OPTED NOT TO MAINTAIN  
13 THE ROAD AND ANGELES FOREST THEREFORE ASSUMED THE  
14 RESPONSIBILITY AND HAS DONE SO OVER THE YEARS. 17.6 MILES OF  
15 THIS ROAD ARE UP FOR VACATION. IF THE COUNTY WAS NOT TO VACATE  
16 THE ROAD, THEY WOULD HAVE TO BRING THE ROAD UP TO CURRENT  
17 SAFETY CRITERIA, WHICH WOULD DESTROY THE HISTORIC NATURE OF  
18 THE ROAD. THE RIDGE ROUTE PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION, OF  
19 COURSE, WANTS THE HISTORIC NATURE OF EARLY HIGHWAY ENGINEERING  
20 PRESERVED. THEREFORE, WE SUPPORT THE VACATION SO THAT ANGELES  
21 FOREST, UNDER FEDERAL CRITERIA AND LAWS, CAN PROTECT THE ROAD  
22 AND KEEP IT OPEN. CURRENTLY, THE ROAD HAS BEEN SEVERED BY THE  
23 EXTREME DAMAGE OF OUR JANUARY, FEBRUARY RAINS. ONCE THE ROAD  
24 IS VACATED, ANGELES FOREST CAN REQUEST FEDERAL AID TO  
25 RECONNECT THE ROAD REPAIR IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO





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1    THANK SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH FOR SUPPORTING OUR  
2    ORGANIZATION AND ALSO CONGRESSMAN MCKEON. THANK YOU.

3

4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, HUGH HOUSER HAS THE VERY GOOD VIDEO ON  
5    THE HISTORY OF THAT ROUTE, WHICH IS INTERESTING, YOU GET A  
6    COPY FROM KCET.

7

8    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO DO YOU CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
9    HEARING?

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** APPROVE THE ITEM.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH MOVES TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
14   HEARING AND TO MOVE THE ITEM. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
15   YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.  
16   ITEM NUMBER 4.

17

18   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON CONFIRMATION OF THE 2004/2005  
19   WEED ABATEMENT CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED TO OWNERS OF UNIMPROVED  
20   PARCELS WHICH WERE DECLARED TO BE OVERGROWN WITH HAZARDOUS  
21   WEEDS AND BRUSH AND REQUIRED ABATEMENT BY THE AGRICULTURAL  
22   COMMISSIONER, DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. WE HAVE NO  
23   WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A REPORT ON THIS ONE?  
2   NO REPORT ON THIS ONE. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. I'M  
3   TRYING TO THINK WHOSE DISTRICT THIS IS. I THINK THIS IS ALL OF  
4   OUR DISTRICTS. SO THIS IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED  
5   BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED  
6   ON THIS ITEM. ITEM NUMBER 6.

7

8   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
9   COUNTY CODE TITLE 27, ELECTRICAL CODE, TO REPEAL PROVISIONS OF  
10   PORTIONS OF THE 2001 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL  
11   CODE, ADOPTED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE; AND TO ADOPT  
12   PROVISIONS INCORPORATING PORTIONS OF THE 2004 EDITION OF THE  
13   CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, BY REFERENCE, WITH CERTAIN CHANGES  
14   AND MODIFICATIONS AND TO MAKE OTHER REVISIONS THERETO. WE HAVE  
15   RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS ITEM, MADAM CHAIR, AND WE DO  
16   HAVE A JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT.

17

18   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

19

20   **RAJ PATEL:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE BOARD. MY NAME  
21   IS RAJ PATEL AND I AM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING FOR THE  
22   DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM IN CHARGE OF THE  
23   ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE. I AM FAMILIAR  
24   WITH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TITLE 27 OF THE COUNTY CODE,  
25   WHICH WOULD ADOPT, BY REFERENCE, PORTIONS OF THE 2004



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1 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE AND WOULD MAKE CHANGES TO THE  
2 ADMINISTRATIVE PORTION OF THE COUNTY'S ELECTRICAL CODE. THE  
3 ORDINANCE ALSO PROPOSES CERTAIN CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS TO  
4 THE REQUIREMENTS PUBLISHED IN THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE  
5 RELATED TO DISCONNECTING MEANS FOR MULTIPLE ARRAYS. IN MY  
6 OPINION, AND AS INDICATED IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE, THESE  
7 SPECIFIC CHANGES ARE REASONABLY NECESSARY BECAUSE OF LOCAL  
8 GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS. WE'VE RECEIVED COMMENTS REGARDING THE  
9 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 127, WHICH WE HAVE THOROUGHLY  
10 REVIEWED. WE CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE  
11 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 27.

12  
13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE ONE INDIVIDUAL THAT WISHES  
14 TO ADDRESS US. HARRY P. LEVINE. MR. LEVINE?

15  
16 **HARRY P. LEVINE:** MY NAME IS HARRY P. LEVINE. I AM THE OWNER  
17 AND PRESIDENT OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY CORPORATION, WHICH IS A  
18 CALIFORNIA-- I'M SORRY, WHICH IS A COUNTY-RECOGNIZED TESTING  
19 LABORATORY. AND I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ADOPTION OF THE COUNTY  
20 NEW TITLE 27 ELECTRICAL CODE. IT IS QUITE NECESSARY AND WAY  
21 OVERDUE. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT THIS BE ADOPTED AS  
22 WELL AS THE SECTION 8 TO THE ANALYSIS WHICH IS AN IMPROVED  
23 MEANS OF DISCONNECT FOR-- FOR TO-- FOR-- I'M SORRY. AN  
24 IMPROVED MEANS OF DISCONNECT. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT ONE  
25 THING IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSALS. IT IS PROPOSED, IN



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1 SECTION 3, THAT THE CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR SHOULD BE GIVEN  
2 DISCRETION TO OTHERWISE PERMIT OR OVERRULE THE CALIFORNIA  
3 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ACT. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S POSSIBLE  
4 BECAUSE THAT'S PRACTICALLY A PERMISSION TO BREAK THE LAW. AS  
5 TO SECTION 5, THAT'S QUITE ANOTHER MATTER. THE ONLY REASON  
6 THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY IS ME. LITTLE OLD  
7 ME, 82 YEARS OLD, AND I'M THE ONLY SPECIAL ELECTRICAL  
8 INSPECTOR AND HAVE BEEN FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS. AND, DESPITE MY  
9 FLAWLESS RECORD OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME, THE CHIEF BUILDING  
10 OFFICIAL, IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR, REFUSED TO RENEW MY  
11 REGISTRATION, WITHOUT CAUSE AND IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW. AND  
12 THAT PRECIPITATED A WRIT OF MANDATE AGAINST THE CHIEF BUILDING  
13 OFFICIAL. AND IT'S NOW PENDING BEFORE THE COURTS. THE CHIEF  
14 BUILDING OFFICIAL IS NOW TRYING TO MANIPULATE THIS BOARD TO  
15 RATIFY THIS UNLAWFUL CONDUCT BY ELIMINATING SPECIAL  
16 INSPECTIONS ENTIRELY AND THIS, IN MY OPINION, WOULD BE  
17 ENTIRELY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. THE QUESTION IS TO BE ASKED, WHAT  
18 WOULD THAT ACCOMPLISH? WHAT GOOD WOULD THAT DO TO THE-- FOR  
19 THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY AND ITS INDUSTRIAL SECTOR?  
20 NOTHING. THE RESOURCE OF SPECIAL INSPECTORS IS ABUNDANTLY  
21 AVAILABLE IN THIS COUNTY. WE HAVE NUMEROUS PEOPLE THAT ARE  
22 HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND CAN PERFORM EXCELLENT SPECIAL INSPECTION  
23 SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY AND THAT WOULD BE AT NO COST TO THE  
24 COUNTY BECAUSE SPECIAL INSPECTORS-- SPECIAL INSPECTIONS ARE  
25 PAID FOR BY OWNERS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE, SIR?

3

4 **HARRY P. LEVINE:** THAT WOULD SUMMARIZE MY OBJECTION TO SECTION  
5 5. I DO HAVE COMMENTS ON SECTION 6.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, SIR, YOU ONLY HAD THREE MINUTES FOR  
8 ALL OF YOUR COMMENTS, SO I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER HALF A MINUTE  
9 TO FINISH UP YOUR COMMENTS.

10

11 **HARRY P. LEVINE:** WELL, IN THAT CASE, I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION  
12 THAT I HAVE SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON BOTH SECTION 5 AND  
13 SECTION 6 AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IF THE BOARD WOULD TAKE THAT  
14 INTO CONSIDERATION.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. LEVINE.  
17 ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** COULD WE GET THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK TO  
20 US ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS AND EXACTLY WHAT IT PROVIDES?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK HE CAN DO SO NOW BUT...

23

24 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES. SUPERVISOR BURKE, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I  
25 CAN ADDRESS THE ISSUES. AS MR. PATEL INDICATED IN HIS



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1 PRESENTATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS AWARE OF THE  
2 COMMENTS OF MR. LEVINE AND HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THEM AND  
3 IS STILL RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD GO FORWARD WITH THESE  
4 CHANGES. MR. LEVINE HAS FILED LITIGATION AGAINST THE COUNTY. I  
5 THINK IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO ADDRESS THE MERITS OF HIS  
6 LITIGATION; HOWEVER, WE ARE AWARE OF THAT AND WE SEE NO  
7 PROHIBITION AGAINST YOUR BOARD NONETHELESS MOVING FORWARD WITH  
8 THE REQUESTED ADOPTION OF THE CODE AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
9 CHANGES. THE SPECIFIC CHANGE THAT MR. LEVINE WAS REFERRING TO  
10 INVOLVES THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE POSITION OF  
11 SPECIAL ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR BE DISCONTINUED. TO OUR  
12 KNOWLEDGE, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS THE ONLY ENTITY THAT  
13 HAS EVER HAD THAT IN THE DEPARTMENT AND, QUITE FRANKLY,  
14 BELIEVES THE POSITION IS UNNECESSARY. SO YOU ARE WITHIN YOUR  
15 RIGHTS TO MAKE THAT CHANGE AND WE SEE NO LEGAL IMPEDIMENT TO  
16 YOUR BOARD GOING FORWARD WITH THE RECOMMENDED ORDINANCE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WILL IT HAVE ANY IMPACT ON THE ABILITY OF  
19 PEOPLE TO INCLUDE THIS ELECTRICAL INSPECTION IN TERMS OF  
20 PROPERTIES?

21

22 **RICHARD WEISS:** NO. THE DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED THAT IT HAS  
23 SUFFICIENT INSPECTORS ON STAFF THAT THEY CAN PERFORM ALL  
24 NECESSARY INSPECTIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO CLEAR THE





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1 ELECTRICAL WORK UNDERTAKEN THROUGH ELECTRICAL PERMITS THAT  
2 THEY HAD ISSUED.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS...

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS GENTLEMAN A COUNTY EMPLOYEE?

9

10 **RICHARD WEISS:** NO, HE'S NOT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT IS THE-- WHEN YOU SAY THIS IS  
13 ELIMINATING THE POSITION, AND I'D LIKE TO ASK THE STAFF, WHAT  
14 ARE WE ELIMINATING IF HE'S NOT A COUNTY EMPLOYEE? IS THIS A  
15 CONTRACT POSITION? JUST EXPLAIN THIS TO ME.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE POSITION WAS ACTUALLY PUT IN THE  
18 ELECTRICAL CODE IN 1968 BUT REFERS TO A NEED FOR SOMEONE TO BE  
19 CONTINUOUSLY INSPECTING AN INSTALLATION FROM BEGINNING TO END.  
20 WHILE WE HAVE A NEED FOR IT IN THE BUILDING CODE, IN THE  
21 ELECTRICAL CODE, WE'RE NOT AWARE OF ANY TIME WHERE WE USE THAT  
22 PROVISION. WE HAVE COUNTY STAFF THAT DOES THE NORMAL  
23 ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS WHERE SOMEBODY INSTALLS SOMETHING, THEY  
24 GO OUT AND THEY VERIFY WHETHER IT WAS DONE PER CODE. THAT  
25 STILL EXISTS. THERE'S ANOTHER PROVISION FOR SPECIAL HAZARDOUS



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1 TYPE OF INSTALLATIONS THAT REQUIRE CONTINUOUS INSPECTION THAT  
2 THE COUNTY-- THE CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR CAN CHOOSE TO HAVE  
3 A SPECIAL ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, IT'S NEVER  
4 BEEN USED. THERE IS ONE CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR AND  
5 THAT IS MR. LEVINE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS ONE CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR IN THE  
8 COUNTY?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OF THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY, HE'S  
13 THE ONLY ONE THAT'S A CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? TO ME, IT MUST BE A  
18 HIGHLY SPECIALIZED THING BECAUSE THERE ARE ELECTRICAL  
19 INSPECTORS ALL OVER THE PLACE. SO WHAT IS A CERTIFIED  
20 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR? HOW DOES THAT DIFFER FROM ALL THE OTHER  
21 INSPECTORS THAT YOU, AND THE COUNTY-- CITY BUILDING AND SAFETY  
22 AND EVERYBODY ELSE HAS?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** MY BELIEF IS THAT, IN 1968, THERE WAS A PROVISION  
25 ADDED TO THE ELECTRICAL CODE, AS WELL AS THE PLUMBING CODE, TO



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1   KIND OF MIMIC THE BUILDING CODE TO REQUIRE SPECIAL INSPECTION.  
2   AT THIS TIME, WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY USAGE IN THAT CAPACITY OF  
3   MR. LEVINE OR ANYBODY ELSE AS A SPECIAL INSPECTOR.

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO HOW IS HE-- SO DOES HE COST US ANY MONEY  
6   TO BE A CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR?

7

8   **SPEAKER:** NO, SIR, HE DOESN'T, BUT WE CHARGE HIM \$65 TO RENEW  
9   HIS REGISTRATION EVERY TWO YEARS.

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO LET ME UNDERSTAND THIS. LET ME UNDERSTAND  
12   THIS. SO THIS 82-YEAR-OLD GENTLEMAN, WHO ALL HE WANTS TO DO IS  
13   TO RENEW HIS CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED ELECTRIC--  
14   ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, WHO DOESN'T COST US ANY MONEY AND WHO  
15   DOESN'T DO ANYTHING, BECAUSE WE'VE NEVER ASKED HIM TO DO  
16   ANYTHING, WE'RE GOING TO DENY HIM-- DOES IT DO US ANY HARM  
17   THAT THIS 82-YEAR-OLD GENTLEMAN RUNS AROUND THE COUNTY AS A  
18   CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR WITH NOTHING TO DO?

19

20   **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT...

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES HE CARRY A BADGE?

23

24   **SPEAKER:** NO, SIR, HE DOESN'T

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THEN HE'S LESS HARMFUL-- LESS  
2   DANGEROUS THAN MOST OF OUR COMMISSIONERS. [ LAUGHTER ] [  
3   SCATTERED APPLAUSE ]

4

5   **SPEAKER:** SIR, AS PART OF OUR MISSION TO STREAMLINE THE  
6   BUILDING CODES, WE'VE TAKEN IT UPON OURSELF, EVERY THREE  
7   YEARS, WHEN THE CODES GET ADOPTED, TO TAKE OUT THE PROVISIONS  
8   THAT WE FEEL ARE NOT BEING USED AND TO ADD NEW PROVISIONS THAT  
9   WE BELIEVE ARE IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. IN  
10   THIS CASE, IT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN USED,  
11   THAT WE'VE BEEN CHARGING HIM FOR THE RENEWAL EVERY TWO YEARS  
12   AND THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH STAFF CURRENTLY TO HANDLE THAT.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT HE'S WILLING TO PAY, APPARENTLY, I'M  
15   ASSUMING HE'S WILLING TO PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE. SOUNDS LIKE  
16   HE JUST WANTS TO, IN HIS GOLDEN YEARS...

17

18   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T YOU MAKE A PROCLAMATION AND MAKE  
19   HIM AN HONORABLE CERTIFIED INSPECTOR.

20

21   **SUP. BURKE:** (OFF-MIKE).

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE ANY OTHER POSITIONS THAT WERE  
24   ELIMINATED IN THE STREAMLINING?

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** NO, SIR, SUPERVISOR.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** PERHAPS WE CAN JUST GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE  
4 CASE, ON THIS...

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET'S JUST LET HIM FINISH. HE CAN'T SHARE  
7 WITH YOU THE LITIGATION STUFF.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** IN CLOSED SESSION.

10

11 **RICHARD WEISS:** WE CAN CERTAIN FIND-- PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A  
12 MEMORANDUM REGARDING IT. A PUBLIC DEBATE IS WHAT I WAS  
13 INDICATING I DON'T THINK WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAS HE EVER PERFORMED, AT THE REQUEST OF THE  
16 COUNTY, ANY INSPECTION DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS?

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18 **SPEAKER:** NO, SUPERVISOR.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO HIS ONLY CONNECTION IS HIS PAYING A 55--  
21 50-DOLLAR FEE TO HAVE A CARD THAT HE IS CERTIFIED?

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23 **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR.

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1   **JOHN KELLY:** MADAM CHAIR? MADAM CHAIR? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
2   IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, JOHN KELLY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF  
3   PUBLIC WORKS. THE SPECIAL ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR PROVISION IN  
4   THE ELECTRICAL CODE IS A REDUNDANT PROVISION. IT ALSO APPEARS  
5   IN THE BUILDING CODE. WE ARE NOT ELIMINATING THAT ALLOWANCE IN  
6   THE BUILDING CODE. WE ARE JUST TAKING OUT LANGUAGE THAT WE  
7   CREATED IN THE ELECTRICAL CODE. MR. LEVINE'S LICENSE IS  
8   ACTUALLY UNDER A CATEGORY CALLED "OTHER" AND THE OTHER  
9   CATEGORY STILL EXISTS. SO, AT OUR DISCRETION, WE STILL COULD  
10   RENEW HIS LICENSE.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD YOU RENEW HIS LICENSE AS A CERTIFIED  
13   ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR?

14

15   **SPEAKER:** YES, UNDER THE CATEGORY "OTHER" YES, SUPERVISOR.  
16   WE'RE JUST TAKING IT OUT OF THE ELECTRICAL CODE. IT DOESN'T  
17   PREVENT US...

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE YOU BROACHED THAT WITH HIM?

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21   **SPEAKER:** I BELIEVE DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER THE YEARS  
22   WITH MR. LEVINE. AS YOU KNOW, AS COUNSEL HAS STATED, WE'RE A  
23   LITTLE BIT PRECLUDED RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF THE LAWSUIT.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE WE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THIS IN CLOSED--  
2   HAVE YOU ASKED THAT IT BE TAKEN TO CLOSED SESSION? OR YOU  
3   WANTED A REPORT...

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5   **SUP. BURKE:** I ASKED THAT IT BE TAKEN UP IN CLOSED SESSION SO I  
6   COULD FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.

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8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL SECOND THAT AND CAN WE JUST HOLD THIS  
9   UNTIL WE DO THAT?

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM WILL BE HELD UNTIL WE  
12   DO THAT.

13

14   **SUP. BURKE:** MAYBE WE CAN CONTINUE IT A WEEK. IT'S NOT GOING TO  
15   KILL THEM...

16

17   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, I THINK YOU'RE JUST BETTER OFF JUST  
18   GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION ON IT. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WE'RE  
19   GOING TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION ON IT. ITEM NUMBER 8.

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21   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M SORRY, ALSO, I SKIPPED  
22   NUMBER 5, SO COULD WE JUST BACKTRACK A LITTLE BIT?

23

24   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. THAT'S THE HEARING ON CONFIRMATION  
2 OF THE 2004/2005 HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT COST.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT WE ALREADY PASSED THAT ONE.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WE DIDN'T. WE WENT FROM 4 TO 6. TO BE  
7 ASSESSED TO OWNERS OF IMPROVED PARCELS FOR REMOVAL OF  
8 HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRY GRASS, WEEDS, COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH OR  
9 FLAMMABLE VEGETATION, INCLUDING NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL  
10 VEGETATION AND REQUIRED HAZARDOUS ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT BY THE  
11 FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THAT ITEM IS MOVED BY  
14 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF  
15 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 8.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMBINED RE-OPENED HEARING ON GENERAL  
18 PLAN AND SUBPLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE CONDITIONAL USE  
19 PERMIT, OAK TREE PERMIT AND PARKING PERMIT, CASE NUMBERS 98-  
20 0085, INVESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, CASE NUMBER 524555 FOR  
21 THE PROJECT KNOWN AS WEST CREEK LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN  
22 PORTION OF UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA AND WITHIN THE COUNTY'S  
23 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY PLANNING AREA, NEWHALL ZONE DISTRICT,  
24 PETITIONED BY NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING COMPANY, TO CONSIDER  
25 THE WEST CREEK FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND THE



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1 RELATED FINAL ADDITION-- ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS, AS REVISED BY  
2 THE SUPPLEMENTAL REGARDING WATER SUPPLIES DATED MAY 2005. THIS  
3 PUBLIC HEARING IS REQUIRED FOR THE WEST CREEK REVISED  
4 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION DUE TO THE NEW FINDINGS REGARDING  
5 PERCHLORATE CONTAMINATION IN VALENCIA WATER COMPANY'S WELL Q2.  
6 AND ALSO, MADAM CHAIR, IT WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE, AFTER  
7 THIS ITEM, TO TAKE UP NUMBERS 24 AND 29, AS THEY RELATE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. COULD WE HAVE A  
10 REPORT ON IT, PLEASE.

11

12 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ELLEN FITZGERALD,  
13 SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER AND WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
14 DEPARTMENT. ON JANUARY 25, 2005, YOUR BOARD CONDUCTED A PUBLIC  
15 HEARING ON THE WEST CREEK DRAFT E.I.R., AS REVISED BY THE  
16 ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS DOCUMENT WHICH ANALYZED WATER SUPPLY AND  
17 PROJECT IMPACTS ON THE . THE REVISED E.I.R. HAD BEEN PREPARED  
18 AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COURT OF APPEAL AFTER LITIGATION  
19 RESULTING IN THE VACATION OF THE CERTIFICATION OF THE  
20 PROJECT'S ORIGINAL E.I.R. AT THE PUBLIC HEARING IN JANUARY,  
21 TESTIMONY WAS HEARD ON THE URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS TO THE  
22 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, CONCERNS WERE RAISED ABOUT FLOODING IN  
23 THE SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON AREA AND THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF  
24 ISSUES RELATED TO THE RELOCATION OF THE WESTERN SPADEFOOT  
25 TOAD. ON MARCH 22ND, 2005, THE BOARD CERTIFIED THE FINAL



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1 E.I.R. AS REVISED BY THE ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS. HOWEVER, PRIOR  
2 TO THE BOARD'S ACTION TO ADOPT FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS, THE  
3 VALENCIA WATER COMPANY, WHICH IS THE PROJECT'S RETAIL WATER  
4 PURVEYOR, CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF PERCHLORATE CONTAMINATION  
5 IN ONE OF ITS WELLS KNOWN AS WELL Q-2. BASED UPON THIS  
6 DISCOVERY, A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CERTIFIED FINAL E.I.R. WAS  
7 PREPARED TO ADDRESS THIS INFORMATION. THE SUPPLEMENT REGARDING  
8 WATER SUPPLIES EXPLAINS THAT PERCHLORATE, WHICH IS A COMPONENT  
9 OF ROCKET FUEL, WAS DISCOVERED DURING REGULAR MONITORING OF  
10 ACTIVE WELLS IN APRIL OF 2005. WHEN THE CONTAMINATION WAS  
11 CONFIRMED, WELL Q-2 WAS REMOVED FROM SERVICE AND A REPORT WAS  
12 PREPARED ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF THE CONTAMINATION. THAT  
13 REPORT INCLUDED IN THE SUPPLEMENT DOCUMENTS THAT THE  
14 PERCHLORATE DETECTED IN WELL Q-2 DOES NOT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT  
15 THE WATER SUPPLIES USED TO MEET DEMAND IN THE SANTA CLARITA  
16 VALLEY AS THERE IS SUFFICIENT CAPACITY IN UNCONTAMINATED  
17 PORTIONS OF THE AQUIFER TO PUMP NECESSARY GROUNDWATER. THE  
18 REPORT ALSO DESCRIBES VALENCIA WATER COMPANY'S RESPONSE PLAN  
19 FOR CLEAN-UP OF THE CONTAMINATION. THE WATER COMPANY WILL  
20 PURSUE PERMITTING AN INSTALLATION OF WELLHEAD TREATMENT BY  
21 FALL 2005, WHICH WILL RETURN WELL Q-2 TO WATER SUPPLY SERVICE  
22 IN ADVANCE OF THE DEMAND GENERATED BY THE WEST CREEK PROJECT.  
23 THE PROPOSED TREATMENT SYSTEM HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE  
24 ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE AND FUNDING HAS BEEN SECURED. THE  
25 TREATMENT SYSTEM WILL NOT CREATE ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO



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1 THE ENVIRONMENT. THE SUPPLEMENT DOCUMENT WAS MADE AVAILABLE  
2 FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT FOR 45 DAYS BETWEEN MAY 18TH,  
3 2005 AND JULY 1ST, 2005. RESPONSES TO COMMENTS RECEIVED IN THE  
4 SUPPLEMENT AND A FINAL SUPPLEMENT HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND WERE  
5 TRANSFERRED TO SUPERVISORS FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO TODAY'S  
6 PUBLIC HEARING. STAFF IS AVAILABLE TO RESPOND TO ANY  
7 QUESTIONS.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WAS THE PERCHLORATE DISCOVERED AT WELL  
12 Q-2?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** APRIL 2005.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** APRIL OF 2005, AFTER THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL  
17 IMPACT REPORT WAS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT WERE THE CIRCUMSTANCES? WAS THERE A  
22 SPECIAL TEST DONE OR WAS THIS PART OF-- JUST IN THE NORMAL  
23 COURSE OF EVENTS?

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** IT'S IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS BUT WHAT STARTED  
2 THE WHOLE THING WAS, BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY RAINS AND THINGS  
3 LIKE THAT, CAUSED THE PROBLEM AND THEY HAVE A PROGRAM AND THEY  
4 TEST ALL THE WELLS IN THE SANTA CLARITA AND SO THEY DISCOVERED  
5 THE PERCHLORATE AND, WHEN THEY DISCOVERED THE PERCHLORATE,  
6 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF  
7 ABOUT BETWEEN 9.8 TO 10 PARTS PER BILLION AND THERE IS NO  
8 STANDARD AT THE PRESENT TIME. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION IS WHEN YOU  
9 HAVE AT THE PRESENT TIME 6 PARTS PER BILLION AND YOU'VE GOT TO  
10 SHUT DOWN THE WELL WHEN YOU EXCEEDING THE NOTIFICATION LEVEL  
11 OF 18, WHICH IS THREE TIMES THE LEVEL. BUT THE VALENCIA WATER  
12 COMPANY TOOK ACTION AND SHUT DOWN THE WELL VOLUNTARILY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE IS THIS PERCHLORATE COMING FROM?

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16 **SPEAKER:** IT'S COMING FROM THE BURMITE SITE, AND THE BURMITE  
17 SITE IS A SITE THAT WE NEED TO FIX AND TAKE CARE OF IT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE BURMITE SITE? I'M SORRY.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THE BURMITE SITE IS A SITE THAT IS APPROXIMATELY 996  
22 ACRES OF LAND. IT'S LOCATED IN THE SANTA CLARITA-- IN THE CITY  
23 OF SANTA CLARITA.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT IS IT? IS IT A FORMER ROCKET...





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2 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FUEL TESTING-- OR ROCKET ENGINE TESTING  
5 FACILITY?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES, AEROSPACE, YES.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IS THIS THE ONLY WELL WHERE ANY  
10 PERCHLORATE WAS FOUND?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** NO. ORIGINALLY, THERE WERE FOUR SAUGUS WELLS. SAUGUS  
13 WELLS ARE THE WELLS, THEY ARE VERY DEEP AND THEY DISCOVERED  
14 THE FOUR WELLS AND THEN THEY FOUND ANOTHER WELL, ALLUVIUM  
15 WELL, WHICH WAS OUTSIDE THE STADIUM THAT HAD PERCHLORATE  
16 PROBLEMS AND THEY SHUT DOWN THE WELLS VOLUNTARILY AND THEY'RE  
17 TRYING TO TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM BEFORE THEY DEVELOP THE  
18 PROPERTY. SO RIGHT NOW WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY ALTOGETHER SIX  
19 WELLS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE THESE WELLS ALL SELF-CONTAINED OR DOES  
22 THE WATER GO FROM WELL TO WELL? HOW DOES IT WORK?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** FOUR OF THE SAUGUS WELLS ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE  
25 PROPERTY AND ONE IS OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE ENTRANCE.



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1 IN THIS PARTICULAR WELL THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THE Q-2  
2 WELL, IT'S APPROXIMATELY 1.1 MILES AWAY FROM THE PROJECT SITE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO THE WELLS CONNECT TO ONE ANOTHER?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** NO, BUT THEY DRAW WATER FROM THE BASIN.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO FROM THE AQUIFER THERE?

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10 **SPEAKER:** THE AQUIFER.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO, IN THE SENSE, THERE IS ONE COMMON  
13 AQUIFER THAT FEEDS ALL OF THE WELLS?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. THERE IS ACTUALLY TWO AQUIFERS. ONE IS THE  
16 SAUGUS WELLS, THE SAUGUS AQUIFER, WHICH IS A DIP AQUIFER AND  
17 THEN WE HAVE THE SALLOW AQUIFER, WHICH IS CALLED THE ALLUVIUM  
18 AQUIFER.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IT IS CONCEIVABLE, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY,  
21 IT'S SHOWING UP, ALTHOUGH IN SMALLER AMOUNTS, IT'S CONCEIVABLE  
22 THAT, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT THE PERCHLORATE-- DOES  
23 PERCHLORATE MIGRATE?

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** THE PERCHLORATE, IT MOVES VERY SLOWLY AND IT'S  
2 CONCEIVABLE THAT OTHER WELLS MAY GET CONTAMINATED AND IT IS  
3 THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WATER COMPANY, ONCE THE PERCHLORATE,  
4 I MEAN, ONCE THEY HAVE TESTED FOR OTHER CONTAMINANTS AND IF  
5 THE CONTAMINANT LEVEL EXCEEDS MORE THAN SIX PARTS PER BILLION,  
6 THEN WE HAVE A LOT OF CHOICES. ONE CHOICE WOULD BE TO SHUT  
7 DOWN THE WELL. ANOTHER CHOICE WOULD BE TO TREAT IT AND REMOVE  
8 THE PERCHLORATE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS TREATING PERCHLORATE ACHIEVABLE?

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12 **SPEAKER:** YES, IT IS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS IT EXPENSIVE?

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16 **SPEAKER:** IT IS EXPENSIVE. IT'S EXPENSIVE BECAUSE, IF YOU'RE  
17 GOING TO HAVE A WELLHEAD TREATMENT, YOU HAVE TO SPEND MORE  
18 THAN A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO DO THAT AND THERE IS ABOUT 10  
19 WATER COMPANIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT THEY ARE USING THE  
20 SAME THING. AND, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THE VALENCIA WATER  
21 COMPANY HAS WORKED WITH THEM AND HAS SECURED ABOUT HALF A  
22 MILLION DOLLARS TO BUY THE EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF ALL  
23 OF THIS FOR THIS PARTICULAR WELL.

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS PERCHLORATE A SOLID OR A LIQUID? IT'S  
2   FOUND IN THE WATER BUT IS IT A...

3

4   **SPEAKER:** IT'S KIND OF A SALT, YOU KNOW, AND, BASICALLY, IF YOU  
5   USE THIS PARTICULAR METHOD THAT WE HAVE, BASICALLY WHAT  
6   HAPPENS IS THAT YOU HAVE THE ION EXCHANGE THAT IS REASONABLE,  
7   YOU KNOW, BASICALLY IT IS, AND THE COLLECTION, IT MOVES TO  
8   PERCHLORATE FROM IT AND WE DON'T HAVE TO DISCHARGE ANY OF THIS  
9   EFFLUENT INTO THE CREEK.

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY OF HOUSING UNITES DOES THIS ACTION,  
12   IF THE BOARD TAKES THIS ACTION, AUTHORIZE?

13

14   **SPEAKER:** I BELIEVE IT'S...

15

16   **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** 2,445.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 2,400 PLUS HOUSING UNITS. DOES THE WATER  
19   THAT IS IDENTIFIED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVING THESE 2,400  
20   UNITS ALL COME FROM THESE VARIOUS WELLS? OR OTHER SOURCES AS  
21   WELL?

22

23   **SPEAKER:** NO. THE VALENCIA WATER COMPANY, ALONG WITH OTHER  
24   WATER COMPANIES IN THE AREA UP THERE, THEY HAVE TWO SOURCES OF  
25   WATER SUPPLY. ONE IS GROUNDWATER SUPPLY AND THE OTHER ONE IS



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1 FROM THE STATE WATER PROJECT. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU COMBINE  
2 ALL THE WELLS THAT THEY HAVE, THE MAXIMUM DEMAND FOR ALL THE  
3 WELLS IS ABOUT 32,500 GALLONS PER MINUTE AND THEY HAVE WELLS  
4 THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO PRODUCE 56/57,000 GALLONS PER MINUTE. SO  
5 THERE IS A CAPACITY OF 24,400 GALLONS PER MINUTE EXCESS  
6 CAPACITY THAT THEY CAN USE. SO, WHETHER THEY SHUT DOWN THE  
7 WELL OR THEY TREAT IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE BUT, IN THIS  
8 PARTICULAR CASE, WHAT THEY HAVE DECIDED TO DO IS TO RESTORE  
9 THE WELL BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION, BE ABLE TO PUMP SO  
10 MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE OF WATER THAT'S  
13 GOING TO SERVE THIS DEVELOPMENT IF IT IS APPROVED? WHAT  
14 PERCENTAGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT IS GOING TO BE SERVED BY THE  
15 STATE WATER PROJECT AND WHAT PERCENT BY THE LOCAL WATER TABLE?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THE WAY THAT WATER COMPANIES WORK THIS THING IS, YOU  
18 KNOW, THEY ARE BLENDING SOMETIMES THE STATE WATER PROJECT WITH  
19 WATER FROM THE WELLS, SO I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY THE PERCENTAGE  
20 THAT THEY ARE PLANNING. IT'S A COMBINATION OF BOTH SOURCES,  
21 THEY'RE USING BOTH SOURCES TO PROVIDE WATER TO THIS...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT SOMEBODY IN THE COUNTY FAMILY MUST KNOW  
24 WHAT PERCENTAGE-- THEY HAVE TO HAVE IDENTIFIED WHERE THE WATER  
25 IS COMING FROM BEFORE WE CAN...



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2 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE THE PRESIDENT OF THE VALENCIA WATER COMPANY  
3 HERE WITH US, MR. DEPREMIO, AND MAYBE HE KNOWS THE ANSWER TO  
4 THAT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES NOBODY ON THE COUNTY STAFF KNOW WHERE  
7 THE WATER IS COMING FROM AND HOW MUCH, AND FROM WHERE? ISN'T  
8 THAT THE STATE LAW REQUIREMENT THAT WE...

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THE WATER IS COMING FROM TWO SOURCES. IT IS...

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. YOU EXPLAINED THAT. NOW I  
13 WANTED TO KNOW WHAT PERCENTAGE IS COMING FROM THE STATE WATER  
14 PROJECT AND WHAT PERCENTAGE IS...

15

16 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD SAY, ROUGHLY SPEAKING, THAT IN THE  
17 NEIGHBORHOOD OF ABOUT 60%, 60%, I WOULD SAY, COMES FROM THE  
18 STATE WATER PROJECT AND 40% COMES FROM THE GROUND.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND DO THEY HAVE A-- THIS DEVELOPMENT HAVE A  
21 CONTRACT WITH THE STATE WATER? HOW DOES IT WORK? HOW DO WE  
22 KNOW THAT...

23

24 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THE WAY THE SYSTEM WORKS IS, FIRST OF ALL,  
25 THERE IS A WHOLESALER. IT'S CALLED THE CASTAIC LAKE WATER





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1 AGENCY AND THE CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY IS ONE OF THE 29  
2 CONTRACTORS FROM THE STATE WATER PROJECT. SO THE CASTAIC LAKE  
3 WATER AGENCY BUYS WATER FROM THE STATE WATER PROJECT AND THEN  
4 THERE IS GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES AND THE VALENCIA WATER COMPANY  
5 HAS WELLS IN THE AREA AND THEY ARE TAKING THE WATER FROM THE  
6 STATE WATER PROJECT AND FROM THESE WELLS TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR  
7 DEVELOPMENT IN THAT AREA.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU THINK-- YOU THINK THAT IT'S ABOUT 60%  
10 OF THE WATER THAT'S GOING TO COME FROM THE STATE WATER  
11 PROJECT?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** 60 TO 50%, SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD.  
14 IT VARIES FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SOMEWHERE AROUND HALF TO A LITTLE OVER HALF  
17 IS GOING TO COME FROM-- SO SOMEWHERE AROUND HALF OR A LITTLE  
18 LESS THAN HALF IS GOING TO COME FROM THE LOCAL-- FROM THE  
19 GROUNDWATER?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND-- ALL RIGHT. THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIR?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. WHAT TRIGGERED THE  
5 REQUIREMENT FOR THE ADDITIONAL C.E.Q.A. REVIEW?

6

7 **RICHARD WEISS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR BOARD HAD CERTIFIED  
8 THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THIS PROJECT IN MARCH.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MARCH OF...

11

12 **RICHARD WEISS:** MARCH OF 2005. THAT DOCUMENT DID INDICATE THAT  
13 PERCHLORATE HAD BEEN AN ISSUE IN THE VALLEY. PRIOR TO THAT,  
14 YOUR BOARD HAD BEEN MADE AWARE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT,  
15 AS CIRCULATED, HAD INDICATED THAT MULTIPLE WELLS IN THE SAUGUS  
16 AQUIFER AND ONE IN THE ALLUVIAL AQUIFER HAD TESTED POSITIVE  
17 FOR PERCHLORATE. SO THAT IS NOT A NEW ISSUE. HOWEVER, AFTER  
18 THE MARCH HEARING, THE APPLICANT ADVISED THE COUNTY THAT  
19 PERCHLORATE HAD BEEN DISCOVERED, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN AN  
20 ADDITIONAL WELL, A WELL OPERATED BY THE VALENCIA WATER  
21 COMPANY. SO, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAXIMUM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION,  
22 WE DETERMINED THAT A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
23 REPORT OUGHT TO BE PREPARED SO THAT YOUR BOARD COULD CONDUCT A  
24 FURTHER HEARING ON THE DISCOVERY OF THE PERCHLORATE AT THAT  
25 ADDITIONAL WELL. AND IT WAS CIRCULATED AND COMMENTS WERE



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1 RECEIVED AND THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO YOU WITH RESPONSES TO  
2 THE COMMENTS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN DID THE BOARD ORIGINALLY APPROVE WEST  
5 CREEK?

6

7 **RICHARD WEISS:** THE BOARD ORIGINALLY APPROVED THE PROJECT, I  
8 BELIEVE, IN DECEMBER OF 2000.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IS THIS CONTAMINATION NEW ENVIRONMENTAL  
11 INFORMATION?

12

13 **RICHARD WEISS:** THE DISCOVERY OF THE PERCHLORATE AT THIS  
14 PARTICULAR WELL WAS NEW. THE ISSUE OF PERCHLORATE AND ITS  
15 PRESENCE IN THE ALLUVIAL AND THE SAUGUS AQUIFER AND FORMATION  
16 IS NOT A NEW ISSUE. THAT IS ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
17 DOCUMENT. IT IS ADDRESSED BY THE CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY IN  
18 ITS URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN. SO IT IS GENERALLY NOT NEW  
19 INFORMATION. ONLY AT THIS WELL WAS IT NEW INFORMATION.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR REGIONAL PLANNING, WHAT PORTION OF THE  
22 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT DID THE COURT FIND INVALID?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THE COURT FOUND ONLY THE WATER SUPPLY ISSUE NEEDED  
25 CLARIFICATION, IN PARTICULAR, THE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS UPON



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1 WATER SUPPLY WOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR BOTH THIS PROJECT AND ALL  
2 OF THE CUMULATIVE PROJECTS IN THE SANTA CLARITA AREA.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE TWO RECENT COMMENT  
5 LETTERS FROM CLEAN WATER ACTION AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING  
6 GROUP?

7

8 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, WE REVIEWED BOTH OF THOSE LETTERS. THEY'RE  
9 CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF PERCHLORATE. THIS IS NOT  
10 NEW INFORMATION. IT'S BEEN ADDRESSED BOTH IN THE ORIGINAL  
11 E.I.R. AND THE ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THAT'S BEEN ADDRESSED IN THE E.I.R.?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES, IT HAS, SIR.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITH RESPECT TO C.E.Q.A. COMPLIANCE, WHAT IS  
18 STAFF RECOMMENDING TODAY TO OUR BOARD?

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20 **SPEAKER:** STAFF IS RECOMMENDING CERTIFICATION WITH THE  
21 SUPPLEMENT TO THE FINAL E.I.R. AND THE ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS ON  
22 THIS PROJECT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, BASED UPON YOUR ESTIMATES, WHAT IS THE  
25 BUILD-OUT FOR WEST CREEK, THE ANTICIPATED BUILD-OUT?



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2 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** I BELIEVE WE [ INAUDIBLE ] OCCUR IN ABOUT  
3 2010. IT'S A THREE PHASE PROJECT. THE LIKELY BEGINNING OF THE  
4 PROJECT CONSTRUCTION IN-- TO BE COMPLETED IN 2007.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE FIRST HOME WOULD BE WHEN?

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8 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** BY EARLY 2007.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT'S BETWEEN 2007 AND 2010 WE'RE LOOKING  
11 AT?

12

13 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** I BELIEVE THAT'S CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN, FOR PUBLIC WORKS, IS THE WATER IN  
16 WELL Q-2 CRITICAL TO THE OVERALL WATER SUPPLY FOR THIS  
17 PROJECT? OR IS THERE ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY WITHOUT RELYING  
18 UPON WELL Q-2?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, NO, IT'S NOT CRITICAL AND THEY ARE TRYING  
21 TO FIX THE PROBLEM AND THERE IS ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY TO  
22 PROVIDE FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHERE IS WELL 2 PHYSICALLY LOCATED  
25 RELATIVE TO THE WEST CREEK PROJECT?



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2 **SPEAKER:** I BELIEVE WELL Q-2 IS LOCATED NORTH OF THE SANTA  
3 CLARA RIVER, AND NORTH OF THE BOUQUET CANYON BRIDGE, WHICH IS  
4 APPROXIMATELY 1.1 MILES SOUTHEAST OF THAT LOCATION.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE TREATMENT FOR THE METHOD FOR  
7 THIS CONTAMINATION?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** IT IS CALLED ION EXCHANGE TREATMENT AND IT'S A  
10 WELLHEAD TREATMENT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE REMOVING THE  
11 PERCHLORATE WITH THAT TREATMENT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE OTHER WATER AGENCIES IN SOUTHERN  
14 CALIFORNIA USING THIS TYPE OF TREATMENT OF PERCHLORATE?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YES. THERE IS ABOUT 10 WATER COMPANIES AND SOME OF  
17 THEM I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION IS SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER  
18 COMPANY IN EL MONTE. IT'S LA PUENTE VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AND  
19 A FEW OTHER ONES THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN ACTION.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHO HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TREAT THIS  
22 PERCHLORATE WATER AND WELL?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** VALENCIA WATER COMPANY.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VALENCIA. DOES VALENCIA WATER COMPANY KNOW  
2   HOW TO TREAT THIS?

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4   **SPEAKER:** YES, THEY DO.

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6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW SOON DO YOU EXPECT IT WOULD BE BEFORE  
7   VALENCIA WATER COMPANY INSTALLS TREATMENT FACILITIES?

8

9   **SPEAKER:** THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING ALL THE PERMITS  
10   AND THEY ARE STARTING THE CONSTRUCTION. THE BOTTOM LINE IS  
11   THAT THE WELL WILL BE IN OPERATION BY NO LATER THAN PROBABLY  
12   THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE'S A REPRESENTATIVE HERE FROM THE WATER  
15   COMPANY. CAN WE HAVE THEM COME UP, FROM VALENCIA WATER?

16

17   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ARE THEY HERE?

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, HE'S COMING.

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21   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE ALSO HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO  
22   ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION I WOULD HAVE IS, DO YOU KNOW HOW  
2   TO TREAT THIS AND WHEN DO YOU BELIEVE THAT TO BE ABLE TO  
3   INSTALL THE FIRST TREATMENT FACILITIES ON Q-2?

4

5   **ROBERT DEPREMIO:** THE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY IS CALLED ION  
6   EXCHANGE AND IT'S BEEN USED OVER THE LAST FOUR TO FIVE YEARS  
7   TO SUCCESSFULLY REMOVE PERCHLORATE FROM WATER AND WE EXPECT IT  
8   TO BE ONLINE BY OCTOBER, 2005.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU HAD EXPERIENCE YOURSELF WITH  
11   PERCHLORATE?

12

13   **ROBERT DEPREMIO:** WE HAVE NOT INSTALLED A TREATMENT SYSTEM.  
14   THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST SYSTEM INSTALLED BUT OUR SUPPLIER, U.S.  
15   FILTER, IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH THIS TECHNOLOGY AND HAS  
16   INSTALLED IT IN NUMEROUS LOCATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY'RE BEING USED BY-- IN THIS BASIN, BY  
19   OTHER WATER DISTRICTS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE?

20

21   **ROBERT DEPREMIO:** NOT IN OUR PARTICULAR BASIN YET BUT IN OTHER  
22   GROUNDWATER BASINS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

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1   **ROBERT DEPREMIO:** THIS PARTICULAR TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN  
2   INSTALLED.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU FIND NO PROBLEMS IN RESOLVING THIS  
5   ISSUE WITH YOUR TECHNOLOGY?

6

7   **ROBERT DEPREMIO:** NO. IT'S A PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD TREATMENT  
8   SYSTEM. IT'S BEEN, WHAT WE LIKE TO SAY A ROBUST TREATMENT. IT  
9   REMOVES PERCHLORATE DOWN TO A LEVEL OF NONDETECT.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO PERCHLORATE IS ABLE TO BE TREATED. OTHER  
12   WATER AGENCIES WITHIN OUR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAVING SIMILAR  
13   PROBLEMS ARE TREATING-- SUCCESSFULLY TREATING THAT ISSUE.

14

15   **ROBERT DEPREMIO:** YES, SIR.

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO WISH  
20   TO ADDRESS US.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST ASK ONE QUESTION?  
23   HOW OFTEN DO YOU CHECK FOR PERCHLORATE IN YOUR WATER?

24



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1    **ROBERT DEPREMIO:** RIGHT NOW, WE MONITOR ALL WELLS AT RISK TWICE  
2    A YEAR.

3

4    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR, COULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE  
5    RECORD, PLEASE?

6

7    **ROBERT DEPREMIO:** YES. ROBERT DEPREMIO, PRESIDENT, VALENCIA  
8    WATER COMPANY.

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, THANK YOU. WE HAVE DAN MASNADA.  
11   OH, I SEE, ONLY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IF NECESSARY IS HERE, BUT  
12   WE HAVE RACHEL MEYERS AND LYNN PLAMBECK. IF THEY WOULD JOIN  
13   US.

14

15   **RACHEL MEYERS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RACHEL MEYERS. I'M THE  
16   CONSERVATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE 60,000 MEMBERS OF THE  
17   ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB. AS YOU KNOW FROM THE  
18   CHAPTER'S COMMENTS ON THIS ISSUE, THE SIERRA CLUB IS VERY  
19   CONCERNED ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF THE AMMONIUM  
20   PERCHLORATE POLLUTION PLUME IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. THIS  
21   ROCKET FUEL BYPRODUCT ESPECIALLY AFFECTS THYROID DEVELOPMENT  
22   IN SMALL CHILDREN AND FETUSES AND MAY CAUSE RETARDATION. AS  
23   INDICATED BY THIS NEW WELL CLOSURE, THE POLLUTION PLUME IS  
24   DEFINITELY MOVING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION. THERE ARE MANY  
25   WATER SUPPLY WELLS IMMEDIATELY DOWNSTREAM FROM THIS WELL. ALSO



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1 NUMEROUS MONITORING WELLS HAVE READINGS OF APPROXIMATELY 30  
2 PARTS PER BILLION IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. AS YOU KNOW, THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' GOAL IS SIX PARTS PER BILLION,  
4 NOT 30 AND THIS WILL MOST LIKELY BECOME THE MAXIMUM  
5 CONTAMINANT LEVEL WHEN THAT ISSUE IS DECIDED UPON LATER THIS  
6 YEAR. NOW, AMMONIUM PERCHLORATE HAS ALSO BEEN FOUND IN LETTUCE  
7 AND MILK STUDIES INDICATED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP  
8 THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED INTO THIS RECORD. NO EPIDEMIOLOGY  
9 STUDY HAS BEEN CONDUCTED TO ADDRESS THE CUMULATIVE HEALTH  
10 IMPACTS IN CHILDREN FROM RECEIVING AMMONIUM PERCHLORATE FROM  
11 MULTIPLE FOOD SOURCES. THIS POLLUTION COULD TURN OUT TO BE AS  
12 PERVASIVE AND DETRIMENTAL TO EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IN  
13 OUR COMMUNITIES AS LEADED PAINT IS. FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS,  
14 THE VALENCIA WATER COMPANY HAS BEEN TELLING THIS BOARD AND  
15 OTHERS THAT EVERYTHING IS FINE AND A POLLUTION FIX WILL BE  
16 ONLINE IMMEDIATELY. REMEDIATION IS STILL NOT UNDER WAY. NO  
17 CONTAINMENT OF THE POLLUTION PLUME CURRENTLY EXISTS.  
18 CHARACTERIZATION OF THE SIZE OF THE PLUME STILL NEEDS MORE  
19 REVIEWING, ACCORDING TO THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. FOR THIS  
20 REASON, THE SIERRA CLUB URGES THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF  
21 SUPERVISORS TO NOT APPROVE ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THIS AREA  
22 UNTIL WATER POLLUTION REMEDIATION FACILITIES ARE ACTUALLY  
23 OPERATIONAL. THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO ENSURE THAT YOU WILL BE  
24 SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC HEALTH. ADDITIONALLY, I WANT TO SUBMIT  
25 INTO THE RECORD THE CHEVRON ADVERTISEMENT THAT APPEARED IN THE



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1 MAIN SECTION OF "L.A. TIMES" YESTERDAY AS A TWO-PAGE COLOR  
2 SPREAD. OBVIOUSLY, CHEVRON IS WORRIED ABOUT THE ISSUE OF PEAK  
3 OIL AND OUR FAILURE TO PROMOTE OTHER ENERGY SOURCES. THEY  
4 INCLUDE CONSERVATION AS ONE ANSWER TO SOLVING THE ENERGY  
5 CRISIS. ADDITIONALLY, THE FINAL E.I.R. INCLUDES SEVERAL  
6 COMMENT LETTERS FROM AGENCIES DEALING WITH TRANSPORTATION.  
7 THEY EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN THAT HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOT  
8 ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. FOR MANY YEARS, THE SIERRA  
9 CLUB HAS PROMOTED CHANGES IN LAND USE PLANNING THAT ENCOURAGE  
10 INFILL IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND DISCOURAGE URBAN SPRAWL.  
11 THIS STRATEGY HAS MULTIPLE BENEFITS. IT WILL REDUCE AIR  
12 POLLUTION AND THUS GLOBAL WARMING, IT WILL REDUCE EXPENDITURES  
13 ON EXPENSIVE HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE; IT WILL REDUCE ECONOMIC  
14 FLIGHT TO THE SUBURBS THAT IMPOVERISHES OUR INNER CITIES AND  
15 INSTEAD ENCOURAGE REDEVELOPMENT AND IT WILL REDUCE OIL  
16 CONSUMPTION. PEOPLE NO LONGER BUILD THEIR OWN HOUSES IN OUR  
17 MODERN SOCIETY. THEY DEPEND ON PUBLIC AGENCIES TO HAVE THE  
18 FORETHOUGHT AND KNOWLEDGE TO MAKE GOOD PLANNING DECISIONS FOR  
19 THE HOUSING THAT THEY WILL BUY. PLEASE THINK OF WHAT THOSE  
20 FAMILIES WILL SUFFER WHEN OIL PRICES REACH \$7 PER GALLON OR IF  
21 THAT OIL IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT ALL. THE SIERRA CLUB ASKS  
22 THAT YOU MAKE A PROGRESSIVE DECISION FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE  
23 FUTURE BY VOTING "NO" ON THIS SPRAWL PROJECT. THANK YOU.  
24  
25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS PLAMBECK.





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2 **LYNN PLAMBECK:** MY NAME IS LYNN PLAMBECK AND I'M HERE

3 REPRESENTING SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING AND THE

4 ENVIRONMENT. I'M ALSO AN ELECTED BOARD MEMBER OF NEWHALL

5 COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BUT I WON'T BE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE

6 WATER DISTRICT. I HAVE SOME CORRESPONDENCE THAT'S ALSO NOT

7 SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE WATER DISTRICT, JUST BEHALF OF

8 MYSELF AND ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER. I WANT TO JUST RESPOND TO A

9 FEW OF THE INFORMATIONAL ITEMS THAT WERE GIVEN TO YOU. THE

10 CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL IS SIX PARTS PER BILLION. THAT'S

11 LIKELY TO BECOME THE M.C.L., THE MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL.

12 SEVERAL WELLS ALREADY ARE ABOVE THE MAXIMUM-- CURRENT MAXIMUM

13 CONTAMINANT LEVEL OF 18 BUT THE GOAL WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT A

14 UNDOUBTEDLY MUCH LOWER LEVEL THIS YEAR AND I HAVE ATTACHED

15 INFORMATION REGARDING THAT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

16 SERVICES' WEBSITE. AS THE SIERRA CLUB REPRESENTATIVE SAID,

17 THIS, IN MANY VENUES, IT'S BEEN REPRESENTED THAT THESE

18 REMEDIATION FACILITIES WILL BE ONLINE NEXT YEAR, NEXT YEAR,

19 ALWAYS NEXT YEAR. AND, ALTHOUGH IT MAY VERY WELL OCCUR THAT

20 THIS REMEDIATION FACILITY WILL BECOME ONLINE, IF IT'S ONLY

21 OCTOBER, I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO WAIT UNTIL OCTOBER AND

22 SEE THAT IT'S REALLY ONLINE BEFORE YOU WOULD APPROVE THIS.

23 THEY SAY THAT THERE'S CAPACITY TO PUMP FROM OTHER WELLS. THAT--

24 - IF THAT IS THE CASE, THEN THE PUMPING, INCREASED PUMPING

25 AREAS SHOULD BE INDICATED SO THAT IT COULD BE ANALYZED WHETHER



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1 CAPACITY IS, IN FACT, AVAILABLE. THERE MAY BE PROBLEMS WITH  
2 PRODUCTION BECAUSE OF LOW LEVELS OF WATER IN THE AREA OR IT  
3 MAY IMPACT OTHER WELL OWNERS. IT COULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL  
4 IMPACTS. THERE WAS ALREADY A COURT DECISION THAT, IF YOU'RE  
5 GOING TO SAY YOU'RE GOING TO INCREASE PUMPING IN ANOTHER AREA,  
6 YOU REALLY HAVE TO SAY WHAT THAT AREA IS, NOT JUST "WE COULD  
7 DO IT FROM SOMEWHERE." ALSO, THE CAPACITY THEY CITE TO YOU  
8 INCLUDES WELLS THAT CURRENTLY ONLY SUPPLY GOLF COURSES THAT  
9 MAY NOT BE CONNECTED TO THE WHOLE SYSTEM SO THAT YOU WOULD  
10 MAYBE NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPLY IT. CAPACITY ISN'T SUPPLY, I GUESS  
11 THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY, AND IT WOULD ALSO  
12 REQUIRE 24-HOUR A DAY PUMPING FOR THE WHOLE YEAR, WHICH  
13 PROBABLY ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN BECAUSE WELLS BREAK DOWN. SO  
14 THAT'S SOMETHING TO CONSIDER. IF THEY'RE GOING TO SAY THE  
15 CAPACITY IS ELSEWHERE, THEY REALLY NEED TO DO MORE DISCLOSURE  
16 ON THAT. THEY ALSO TELL YOU ABOUT THIS TREATMENT FACILITY THAT  
17 IS-- THAT WILL HAVE NO IMPACTS. THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HAS A  
18 BRINE LINE. WE DO NOT, IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, HAVE A  
19 BRINE LINE. THAT MEANS THAT THE EFFLUENT FROM THE TREATMENT  
20 FACILITY WILL HAVE TO BE TUCKED OFF AND IT WILL BE EXPENSIVE  
21 TO DO THAT. NOW, PERHAPS THAT'S FEASIBLE FOR ONE WELL. IT'S  
22 NOT FEASIBLE FOR ANOTHER FIVE WELLS DOWNSTREAM THAT ARE  
23 IMMEDIATELY DOWNSTREAM AND THE WELL MAP FOR THOSE WELLS WAS  
24 SUBMITTED TO YOU IN THE COMMENT LETTERS, SO YOU CAN SEE HOW  
25 CLOSE THE OTHER WELLS ARE. THE ISSUE OF "IT WAS THE RAIN THAT



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1 CAUSED THIS WELL TO BE POLLUTED." NO. IF YOU LOOK AT THE ARMY  
2 CORPS REPORT THAT WAS DONE IN CONSTRUCTION WITH CH2M HILL AND  
3 THE WATER DISTRICTS TO CHARACTERIZE THE PLUME, ALL THE  
4 MONITORING WELLS AROUND IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA ARE SHOWING  
5 INDICATIONS OF UP TO 30 PARTS PER BILLION OF PERCHLORATE. IT  
6 WAS MOVING THAT DIRECTION, IT'S BEEN MOVING WESTERLY, IT WILL  
7 CONTINUE TO MOVE WESTERLY, AND WE REALLY HAVE A PROBLEM  
8 BECAUSE, IF IT HITS THE OTHER WELLS AND YOU HAVE TO PUT  
9 EXPENSIVE TREATMENT ON FIVE OR SIX OTHER WELLS TO SUPPLY WATER  
10 IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR ALL OF  
11 THIS? EVENTUALLY, THE PUBLIC'S GOING TO PAY FOR IT. SO I JUST  
12 WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE BOARD, THERE WOULD BE MULTIPLE BENEFITS  
13 TO WAITING IF IT'S ONLY UNTIL OCTOBER, TO WAIT UNTIL THE  
14 TREATMENT FACILITY IS REALLY ACTUALLY ONLINE AND WORKING AND  
15 EVERYBODY FINDS THAT IT'S ALL RIGHT. THAT'S NOT THAT LONG. I  
16 THINK IT WOULD BE THE MOST PRUDENT THING TO DO FOR THE PUBLIC  
17 HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY AND I ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER DOING  
18 THAT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

21

22 **RACHEL MEYERS:** WE'D LIKE TO SUBMIT THESE INTO THE RECORD.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

25



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1    **RACHEL MEYERS:** THANK YOU.

2

3    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT. THE  
4    ITEM IS BEFORE US.

5

6    **LYNN PLAMBECK:** OH, EXCUSE ME. I ALSO WANT TO JUST QUICKLY  
7    OPPOSE 24 AND 29 SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO COME BACK AND SPEAK  
8    TO YOU AGAIN.

9

10    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, WE UNDERSTAND, THEY'RE ALL BEING HELD  
11    AT THE SAME TIME.

12

13    **LYNN PLAMBECK:** OKAY.

14

15    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD.

16

17    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAY I ASK A QUESTION. PRIOR TO THE ISSUING OF  
18    BUILDING PERMITS, THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE WELL IS OPERATING,  
19    BEING TREATED AND IT'S GOING TO BE FUNCTIONING?

20

21    **SPEAKER:** YEAH. RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE IN THE PROCESS OF  
22    INSTALLATION OF THE WELL. THEY HAVE DONE THE GRADING. THEY  
23    HAVE STARTED CONSTRUCTION OF THE WELLHEAD FACILITY AND, BY  
24    OCTOBER, WE BELIEVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS WOULD BE  
25    COMPLETED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND I BELIEVE



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1 VERY STRONGLY THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE PERMIT BY NO LONGER  
2 THAN AUGUST AND I BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY THAT THE WELL WILL BE  
3 IN OPERATION AND BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION BY NO LATER  
4 THAN OCTOBER.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. AND, IF IT ISN'T, THEN THEY'D PUT A  
7 HOLD ON IT?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** IF IT ISN'T, THEY DON'T NEED THE WELL. THEY DON'T  
10 NEED THE WELL BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE FOR  
11 THIS...

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY HAVE THE CAPACITY. OKAY.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CORRECTION. THERE IS GOING TO  
16 BE NO ADDITIONAL PUMPING AND ALSO THERE IS GOING TO BE NO  
17 BRINE LINE. BASICALLY, WHAT'S GOING TO BE HAPPENING IS THAT  
18 PARTICULAR FACILITIES LIKE A FILTER AND YOU MAY NEED TO REMOVE  
19 THE FILTER AND BURN THE FILTER AND THAT MAY HAPPEN MAYBE EVERY  
20 10 MONTHS OR SO AND ONLY REQUIRES A TRIP.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. SO MOVED.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
25 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY-- MS. BURKE? BY MS. BURKE. IS THERE



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1 ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT? ALL RIGHT. WHY DON'T YOU JUST  
2 CALL THE ROLL ON IT, PLEASE?

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** [ INAUDIBLE ]

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** (OFF-MIKE).

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AYE.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MOTION CARRIES 3-TO-1.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND THAT IS ON ALL THE THREE ITEMS,  
23 CORRECT?

24





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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, UNLESS YOU WANTED TO  
2 TAKE SEPARATE ACTION ON...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, NO. I THINK THAT WAS IT. THEY WERE ALL  
5 TOGETHER, CORRECT?

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** RIGHT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL GO BACK TO  
10 ITEM NUMBER 1.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MADAM CHAIR, AFTER TABULATING THE  
13 BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY  
14 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF  
15 ASSESSMENTS FOR SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES WITHIN THE COUNTY  
16 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING  
17 DISTRICT LLA-1 FOR THE UNINCORPORATED ZONE. AS A RESULT, IT  
18 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO  
19 ANNEX AND LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES WITHIN  
20 THE COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY  
21 LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 FOR THE UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND ACCEPT  
22 THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE  
23 ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORIES.

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. I SO MOVE THEN AND THAT'S  
2   SECONDED BY MS. BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
3   ALL RIGHT. DOES THAT COMPLETE THE ITEMS ON OUR PUBLIC HEARING?

4

5   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO OVER TO S-1, WHICH IS  
8   THE SET ITEM FOR 11:00. IF WE COULD GET DR. GARTHWAITE TO JOIN  
9   US.

10

11   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SUPERVISORS, WITH ME TODAY IS HANK  
12   WELLS. HE'S THE ACTING C.E.O. KAE ROBERTSON COULDN'T MAKE IT  
13   TODAY. SHE HAD ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT BUT HE IS CURRENTLY RUNNING  
14   THE OPERATIONS AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. SUPERVISORS, I  
15   KNOW THAT YOU WERE DISAPPOINTED IN OUR REPORT LAST WEEK AND I  
16   SHARE YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT. I HEARD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR AND I  
17   TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY IN TURNING THIS AROUND. EFFECTIVE  
18   YESTERDAY, THE NAVIGANT CONTRACT IS BEING OVERSEEN BY A TEAM  
19   OF EXPERIENCED HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS AND CLINICIANS. THE NEW  
20   TEAM AND NAVIGANT ARE CLEAR THAT COMMUNICATION AND  
21   COLLABORATION ARE KEYS TO OUR SUCCESS. WITH SO MUCH TO  
22   ACCOMPLISH, THE ADDITION OF EXPERIENCED HOSPITAL AND CLINICAL  
23   STAFF WILL HELP ASSURE THAT THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ITEMS RECEIVE  
24   THE MOST IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT  
25   MEASURES OF PROGRESS ARE TRACKED AND REPORTED. TODAY, I



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1 RECEIVED A LETTER FROM NAVIGANT THAT I SHARED WITH YOU  
2 RESTATING THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE TURNAROUND OF KING DREW  
3 MEDICAL CENTER. I HAVE PROVIDED COPIES TO YOU. THEY BELIEVE  
4 THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO TURN AROUND KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER  
5 AND THEY ARE COMMITTED TO BE HERE UNTIL THAT IS ACCOMPLISHED.  
6 NAVIGANT AND MR. HENRY REPORT THAT THEY HAVE MET AND HAVE  
7 AGREED ON A STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THE PERSONNEL ISSUES THAT ARE  
8 CRITICAL TO THE TURNAROUND EFFORT. WITH REGARD TO S-1, THE  
9 WEEKLY REPORTS, ON APRIL 12TH, YOUR BOARD REQUESTED WEEKLY  
10 ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF REFORM AT MARTIN  
11 LUTHER KING JR. MEDICAL CENTER BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
12 SERVICES AND NAVIGANT. I BELIEVE THAT YOUR GOAL WAS TO ASSURE  
13 THAT YOU WERE INFORMED OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN A TIMELY  
14 FASHION AND THAT YOU WERE CONVINCED THAT ALL APPROPRIATE  
15 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS WERE TAKEN TO FIX KNOWN AND RECENTLY  
16 DISCOVERED PROBLEMS. IF WE ARE GOING TO GET IT FIXED AS  
17 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, WE MUST DO THIS AS A TEAM AND WE MUST  
18 WORK TOGETHER QUICKLY TO GET THE CORRECTIONS ACCOMPLISHED. IN  
19 RESPONSE TO YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS LAST WEEK, I HAVE  
20 ASSEMBLED A TEAM OF ALL THOSE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN  
21 REFORM EFFORTS AT THIS TIME: THE DEPARTMENT, NAVIGANT,  
22 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE ADVISORY BOARD.  
23 TOGETHER, WE WILL INITIATE A NEW DAILY COMMUNICATION PROCESS  
24 TO ENSURE THAT THE QUALITY OF CARE ISSUES ARE IMMEDIATELY  
25 IDENTIFIED WITH CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AS NECESSARY. THE DAILY



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1    PROGRESS ON ALL ITEMS RELATED TO OPERATING AND IMPROVING THE  
2    HOSPITAL FROM FACILITIES TO PERSONNEL ARE IMMEDIATELY  
3    IDENTIFIED AND RESPONDED TO WITH APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE  
4    ACTIONS; AND THE DELAYS IN SCHEDULED IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY  
5    ITEMS ARE ADDRESSED AND ACTED UPON BY THOSE ON THE CALL. THIS  
6    NEW DAILY COMMUNICATION PROCESS WOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. EACH  
7    DAY, A CONFERENCE CALL WOULD BE CHAIRED BY THE D.H.S. SENIOR  
8    MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DR. CHERNOF. PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE DR.  
9    CHERNOF, THE DIRECTOR OF QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, LAURA SARF; THE  
10    DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR L.A. COUNTY, MR. HENRY; AND  
11    THE C.E.O., MR. WELLS TO MY RIGHT; THE CHIEF OPERATING  
12    OFFICER, LINDA MCCAULEY; AND THE CHIEF MEDICAL CENTER AT KING,  
13    DR. PEAKS. ANY AND ALL SENTINEL EVENTS WILL BE DIRECTLY AND  
14    IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO ME AND TO THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF  
15    THE HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD. I WILL THEN IMMEDIATELY INFORM  
16    THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SENTINEL EVENTS AND OTHER CRITICAL  
17    ISSUES AND OF THE ACTIONS BEING TAKEN TO IMMEDIATELY  
18    INVESTIGATE AND CORRECT THEM. WHERE APPROPRIATE, THESE  
19    NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE PROTECTED FROM DISCOVERY BY THE  
20    CALIFORNIA EVIDENCE CODE, CHAPTER 1157. IN ADDITION, I WILL BE  
21    AVAILABLE TO PERSONALLY BRIEF ANY SUPERVISOR WHO HAS QUESTIONS  
22    OR CONCERNS AND I WILL SUBMIT A BIMONTHLY WRITTEN SUMMARY OF  
23    KEY ISSUES TO THE BOARD SO THAT ANYONE FROM THE PUBLIC WHO HAS  
24    INTEREST HAS ACCESS TO WHAT WE ARE UNDERTAKING. THIS DAILY  
25    COMMUNICATION PROCESS WILL ALLOW EVEN GREATER FOCUS ON THE



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1 CHALLENGES AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER AND WILL PROVIDE AN  
2 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MULTI-PARTY TEAM WORKING ON PREPARING A  
3 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO FOCUS  
4 THEIR TIME AND ENERGY ON THE AUGUST 16TH REPORT AND THE FUTURE  
5 OF KING DREW. THE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT OF OUR PREVIOUS REPORT  
6 SIMPLY, IN MY OPINION, WAS NOT WORKING. THEREFORE, I STRONGLY  
7 RECOMMEND THAT S-1 BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA AND THAT THE  
8 PROCESS I JUST OUTLINED BE ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD AS A NEW  
9 VEHICLE FOR COMMUNICATION. YOUR BOARD MAINTAINS THE AUTHORITY  
10 TO DISCUSS ANY ITEMS UNDER A-3 ON YOUR WEEKLY AGENDA AS  
11 RELATED TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE JANUARY 3RD  
12 AND FEBRUARY 1ST REPORTS BY NAVIGANT CONSULTING FOR KING DREW,  
13 IF YOU SO WISH. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED WORK TOGETHER  
14 AND TO OUR DISCUSSIONS OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE AUGUST 16TH REPORT  
15 TO YOUR BOARD.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WELL, I THINK, DR. GARTHWAITE,  
18 THAT GIVES US A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING  
19 OF HOW THINGS ARE GOING TO BE AT LEAST MANAGED FROM AN  
20 INFORMATION STANDPOINT. IT GIVES ME ASSURANCES THAT AT LEAST  
21 THERE'S GOING TO BE SOMEBODY ON TOP OF THESE ISSUES. OF  
22 COURSE, WE'LL HAVE TO TRY IT OUT TO SEE HOW IT ALL WORKS AND,  
23 HOPEFULLY, IT WILL BE EFFECTIVE FOR US. I THINK ALL OF US  
24 AGREE THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE A MECHANISM BY WHICH WE CAN TRULY  
25 UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES AS THEY GET RESOLVED, NOT NECESSARILY



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1 THAT THEY'RE AUTOMATICALLY RESOLVED, BUT THE PATHWAY TO  
2 GETTING A RESOLUTION. AND I THINK THAT'S BEEN A TOUGH THING TO  
3 UNDERSTAND. I THINK THERE'S BEEN A FRUSTRATION ON OUR END  
4 BECAUSE WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITY OF ALL OF THOSE  
5 ISSUES AND SO CONSEQUENTLY WE NEED TO HAVE SOME KIND OF  
6 UNDERSTANDING THAT WE'RE ON OUR WAY AND, UNFORTUNATELY, EVERY  
7 SINGLE TIME THERE IS ONE OF THOSE ISSUES, IT GETS DISRUPTED BY  
8 FINDING OUT MORE AND MORE, AND SO I APPRECIATE A MORE  
9 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW. I LOOK FORWARD TO A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW  
10 BUT I STILL THINK THAT THIS BOARD DOES NEED TO BE KEPT  
11 INFORMED, SO YOUR MECHANISM BY BRIEFING US ON THOSE KINDS OF  
12 ITEMS THAT REALLY WARRANT OUR ATTENTION AND GOING THROUGH A  
13 PROCESS, I THINK, WILL HOPEFULLY GET US TO THAT GOAL. SO I  
14 WELCOME THE RECOMMENDATION AND I CERTAINLY WOULD BE WILLING TO  
15 SUPPORT IT AND CHANGE THAT WE ELIMINATE S-1, BUT CONTINUE,  
16 THROUGH A MECHANISM AS YOU'VE OUTLINED, TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE  
17 COMMUNICATION. ANYONE ELSE?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A QUESTION.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH. IT TOOK US 7 MONTHS TO RECEIVE THE  
24 FIRST REPORT ON PROGRESS FROM NAVIGANT. WILL WE BE RECEIVING





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1 THE REPORTS DURING THIS LAST FEW MONTHS IN A MORE TIMELY  
2 MANNER?

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, THE REPORTS THAT NAVIGANT IS  
5 PROVIDING WOULD BE CONTINUED. THIS WOULDN'T AFFECT THE REPORTS  
6 THAT THEY'VE ALREADY AGREED TO...

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT WOULD GIVE US A FASTER TIMETABLE? THE  
9 AUDIT?

10

11 **HANK WELLS:** I WAS THINKING THE FIRST REPORT THAT YOU GOT WAS A  
12 LITTLE BIT EARLIER THAN SEVEN MONTHS BUT CERTAINLY THE REPORTS  
13 WILL BE PROVIDED EVERY MONTH AS THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO BE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. BUT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
16 AUDIT. YOU KNOW, IN THAT AUDIT, NAVIGANT HAD IDENTIFIED 1,066  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS IN YOUR WORK PLAN, OF WHICH 225 WERE  
18 IDENTIFIED AS URGENT RECOMMENDATIONS. THE AUDIT REPORT  
19 DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTORS AND AUDITOR-  
20 CONTROLLER'S REPORT THAT ONLY 190 OF THOSE URGENT  
21 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE IMPLEMENTED. SO WHAT IS THE STATUS ON  
22 IMPLEMENTING THE OTHER 35?

23

24 **HANK WELLS:** THERE IS A MONTHLY REPORT THAT IS PROVIDED TO YOUR  
25 BOARD ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL OF THE



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE URGENT AND THOSE  
2 THAT ARE SHORT-TERM. THAT REPORT, I THINK THE MOST RECENT ONE,  
3 WAS PROVIDED LAST WEEK OR PERHAPS THE WEEK BEFORE THAT. THERE  
4 WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER OUR ANALYSIS OF THE CORRECT-  
5 - OF THE COMPLETION OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS MATCHED THAT OF  
6 THE AUDITORS AND CERTAINLY WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE  
7 MAINTAINING THAT LEVEL OF COMMUNICATION...

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND SO THOSE 35 REMAINING URGENT  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS, YOU'LL GIVE US A REPORT WHEN THOSE WILL BE  
11 IMPLEMENTED?

12

13 **HANK WELLS:** YES, SIR. BE HAPPY TO DO THAT. I WAS THINKING WE  
14 HAD...

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE HAVE THAT REPORT. I MISUNDERSTOOD  
17 YOUR FIRST QUESTION, WHICH I THINK WAS THAT IT WAS 7 MONTHS  
18 UNTIL THE FIRST AUDIT WAS AVAILABLE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AND THEN, PHASE II OF THE AUDIT IS  
23 COMMENCING I THINK IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I'VE SEEN EMAIL TRAFFIC  
24 ON THAT IN THE LAST FEW DAYS SO...

25



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE'LL GET THAT FROM THE DEPARTMENT?

2

3    **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. SO THAT'S OUR AUDIT AND  
4    COMPLIANCE DIVISION ALONG WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAVE  
5    BEEN DOING THOSE AND THAT'S SCHEDULED TO START THE SECOND  
6    PHASE.

7

8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WILL THE DEPARTMENT REVIEW YOUR NEW  
9    D.H.S. OVERSIGHT TEAM, VERIFY NAVIGANT'S WORK HOURS BEFORE  
10    MONTHLY PAYMENTS ARE MADE?

11

12    **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. I THINK THAT WE HAVE-- WE'LL  
13    MAINTAIN THE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS VERY SIMILAR TO THE WAY WE'VE  
14    BEEN DOING IT. IT'S A LOT OF DETAIL WORK AND WE'LL HAVE TO  
15    CONTINUE TO CARRY THAT OUT BUT THE ANSWER IS YES.

16

17    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE BOARD HAD REQUESTED, ON JUNE 14TH, THE  
18    ACCOUNTING OF STAFF HOURS AND THE QUESTION AS TO WELLS. HAVE  
19    WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE...

20

21    **HANK WELLS:** WE DO HAVE THAT INFORMATION AND I THINK WITH THE  
22    CHANGE THAT DR. GARTHWAITE HAS DESCRIBED, WE'LL BE MEETING  
23    WITH D.H.S. IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO GO OVER THAT.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THE CRITICAL INCIDENTS OR EVENTS  
2   REPORTING BE COMMUNICATED TO THIS BOARD IN A TIMELY FASHION?  
3   AND I REFLECT BACK ON THE DOCTOR WHO HAD HIS SON IN THE  
4   OPERATING ROOM UNAUTHORIZED AND THE NURSES WHO WENT TO SLEEP  
5   WITH THE MONITORS?

6

7   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YES. IT'S MY HOPE THAT, BY PERSONALLY  
8   BEING INVOLVED AND HAVING BOTH LAURA SARF AND DR. CHERNOF BE  
9   RESPONSIBLE OF REPORTING TO ME, THAT I CAN GET YOU INFORMATION  
10   VERY QUICKLY. THE CHALLENGE, OF COURSE, IS TO UNDERSTAND THE  
11   INCIDENT WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT IT'S A REPORTABLE INCIDENT.  
12   ONCE WE HAVE THAT DETERMINATION, WE'LL GET THE INFORMATION  
13   QUICKLY. MY SENSITIVITY IS TO PROVIDE FULL AND OPEN DISCLOSURE  
14   EARLIER RATHER THAN LATER.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. ON THE REPORT ON JULY 22ND FROM MR.  
17   HENRY TO THE BOARD MEMBERS, WHAT'S-- IN THERE, IT SAYS, "SINCE  
18   OUR LAST REPORT, WE HAVE CLOSED 14 CASES AND OPENED 12  
19   ADDITIONAL CASES, TWO OF THOSE NOW INVOLVE NEW PHYSICIANS AND  
20   BOTH RELATE TO THE TRANSFER OF A PATIENT TO ANOTHER FACILITY.  
21   ONE OF THE NEW CASES INVOLVES A NURSE REGARDING ATTENDANCE  
22   IRREGULARITIES." WHAT IS CAUSING THE DEPARTMENT'S DELAY IN  
23   REPORTING SPECIFICS ON THESE NEW CASES RELATED TO THIS  
24   TRANSFER OF A PATIENT TO ANOTHER FACILITY?

25



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1   **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE GOTTEN, FROM THE  
2   DEPARTMENT, THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THOSE CASES. AND  
3   WHILE MY REPORT DOESN'T GO INTO A LOT OF DETAIL, SIMPLY  
4   BECAUSE IT IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND THIS IS HUMAN RESOURCES  
5   INFORMATION, WE DO HAVE-- WE KNOW WHAT THE ALLEGATION IS AND  
6   THEY ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO, I MEAN, WHEN WILL THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9   HEALTH NOTIFY THE BOARD WITH THOSE SPECIFICS?

10

11   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ON THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THERE'S...

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CASES. THERE ARE TWO PHYSICIANS AND...

14

15   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. WELL, WE'RE-- WE CONTINUE TO  
16   INVESTIGATE. THERE'S NO HARM TO ANY PATIENTS IN THIS. THERE  
17   WAS A, I THINK, AN OVERZEALOUS DISAGREEMENT, AN ARGUMENT,  
18   BETWEEN THE TWO PHYSICIANS AND SO WE'RE, I THINK, STILL  
19   INTERVIEWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WITNESSED THAT AND TAKING  
20   STATEMENTS. BUT IT RESULTED IN NO CHANGE. IN FACT, ALL THE  
21   RIGHT THINGS WERE DONE WITH REGARD TO PATIENT CARE. THERE WAS  
22   JUST A DISAGREEMENT OF OPINION AS TO THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

23



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1   **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** AND THE ATTENDANCE ISSUE WITH THE NURSES WAS  
2   PRETTY MUCH A ROUTINE KIND OF ISSUE OF JUST AN ATTENDANCE  
3   PROBLEM. IT WASN'T A PATIENT CARE ISSUE AS WELL.

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. BUT YOU'LL GIVE US THE SPECIFICS.  
6   QUESTION ON THE REPORT THAT CAME OUT JULY 25TH, OBSERVATIONS  
7   REGARDING THE CONTRACTING OUT, PRIVATIZATION, THE OPERATIONS  
8   AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER, THE BOARD RECEIVED FROM SHADDOCK  
9   HAMMOND AND PARTNERSHIPS. ON PAGE 7, IT TALKS ABOUT LEGAL  
10   ISSUES AND THE QUESTION THAT THEY'VE RAISED IS THE SECTION  
11   17000. THE QUESTION IS: WILL THE DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY ENGAGE-  
12   - COUNTY COUNSEL ENGAGE IN THE DEFINITION OF SECTION 17000  
13   THAT IS BEING RAISED?

14

15   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THE-- THE REPORT WAS JUST RELEASED  
16   TODAY AND IT HAS BEEN MY INTENT TO CONTINUE TO ANALYZE THEIR  
17   FINDING AND PUT THOSE INTO PERSPECTIVE IN THE AUGUST 16TH  
18   REPORT. SO I'D RATHER NOT GET AHEAD OF THAT REPORT AND WE'LL  
19   TRY TO PUT ALL THEIR FINDINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE IN THAT. GIVEN  
20   THAT WE'VE REALLY ONLY JUST RECEIVED THE FINAL COPY AND  
21   HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS IT WITH ANY OTHER OFFICES  
22   AROUND THE COUNTY, I THINK IT WOULD BE...

23





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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE THEIR REPORT TALKS ABOUT "THE  
2    AMBIGUITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THAT OBLIGATION." THAT'S THE  
3    QUOTE, SECOND SENTENCE OF THE SECOND MAIN POINT.

4

5   **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE).

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY SAY, ONE OF THE ITEMS THEY DISCUSSED,  
8    "WE BELIEVE THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATION UNDER 17000 AND THE  
9    AMBIGUITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THAT OBLIGATION REPRESENT A  
10   POTENTIAL GATING ISSUE FOR THE COUNTY."

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK THAT'S NEWS.

13

14   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, THE QUESTION IS, ARE THEY WORKING ON THE-  
17   - HOW ARE THEY GOING TO BE DEFINING IT? AND YOU SAID YOU WOULD  
18   DO THAT IN THE AUGUST 16TH MEETING?

19

20   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE WILL TAKE ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
21   AND TRY TO ADDRESS THEM IN OUR AUGUST REPORT. TO SOME EXTENT,  
22   IT GETS TO THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE OF WHETHER YOU RUN A HOSPITAL  
23   SYSTEM THAT TARGETS AND PROVIDES SERVICES TO SECTION 17,000  
24   COVERED INDIVIDUALS OR WHETHER YOU SET UP, AS MANY OTHER  
25   COUNTIES DO, SOME MECHANISM TO PAY THAT THROUGH AN INSURANCE



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1 COVERAGE MODEL. THIS COUNTY HAS REALLY MADE THE CHOICE OF  
2 RUNNING A HEALTHCARE SYSTEM THAT TARGETS SECTION 17000  
3 PATIENTS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, THE OUTSOURCING TO MR. WELLS, WHY WOULD  
6 THE OUTSOURCING MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR NAVIGANT TO  
7 IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS? I REFER TO PAGE 13 ON THAT.

8

9 **HANK WELLS:** YES, SIR, I READ IT, ACTUALLY, JUST BEFORE COMING  
10 IN HERE ALSO AND I DIDN'T REVIEW THE REPORT BEFORE THEY  
11 PREPARED IT. I SUSPECT THAT WHAT THEY WERE REFERRING TO IS A  
12 SENTENCE OR SO BEFORE THAT WHERE IT TALKS ABOUT THE  
13 DIFFICULTIES IN RECRUITING QUALIFIED STAFF AT A TIME WHEN  
14 THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR OUTSOURCING THE HOSPITAL. THAT'S ONE  
15 OF THE WAYS IN WHICH IT WOULD MAKE NAVIGANT'S JOB A LITTLE  
16 MORE DIFFICULT BUT I'M NOT CERTAIN IF THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THEY  
17 MEANT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT DO YOU HAVE A RESOURCE OF PERSONNEL THAT  
20 YOU CALL UPON WHEN YOU GO TO THESE VARIOUS TROUBLED MEDICAL  
21 FACILITIES TO GET THEM PERFORMING TO STANDARD THAT COME IN  
22 TEMPORARILY TO GET THE MEDICAL FACILITY TO MEET THEIR  
23 ACCREDITATION NEEDS?

24



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1   **HANK WELLS:** SURE. I'M ONE OF THOSE-- ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE. WE  
2   HAVE A...

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. BUT YOU'RE LOOKING AT COMING IN  
5   TEMPORARILY, NOT BEING THERE PERMANENTLY?

6

7   **HANK WELLS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO I DON'T SEE HOW THAT-- AND THEN HOW WOULD  
10   THIS IMPLEMENT OR BE A-- IMPLEMENT-- IMPEDIMENT TO YOUR  
11   ABILITY TO...

12

13   **HANK WELLS:** WELL, PERHAPS I COULD USE AS AN EXAMPLE OUR  
14   RECRUITMENT PROCESS WE'RE GOING THROUGH WITH MR. HENRY AND DR.  
15   GARTHWAITE TO IDENTIFY A CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
16   OFFICER. WHEN THE WORD OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, IN THE HEALTHCARE  
17   COMMUNITY, IS THAT THE HOSPITAL IS POTENTIALLY GOING TO BE  
18   MOVED TO A DIFFERENT MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE, A DIFFERENT  
19   ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO  
20   DEVELOP AN INTEREST IN MAKING A CAREER DECISION AT THAT POINT  
21   IN TIME. THAT'S WHAT I SUSPECT THAT SHADDOCK HAMMOND WAS  
22   TALKING ABOUT BUT I'M NOT CERTAIN SO...

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

25



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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. MS. BURKE? OH, ALL  
2    RIGHT. WE HAVE A RECOMMENDATION BEFORE US. I MOVE THE  
3    RECOMMENDATION BY DR. GARTHWAITE. DO WE HAVE A SECOND?

4

5    **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL SECOND IT.

6

7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, MR. BAXTER. WOULD YOU LET ME  
8    RUN THE MEETING? THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SIR.

9    ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A SECOND. IS THERE ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT?

10

11    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, READ THE MOTION AGAIN.

12

13    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE RECOMMENDATION, AS WAS MADE BY DR.  
14    GARTHWAITE, IS TO CREATE A NEW MECHANISM AND TO ELIMINATE S-1  
15    SO THAT HE CAN CONTINUE TO KEEP THE BOARD INFORMED AND CREATE  
16    A MECHANISM OF CHECKING ON SPECIAL ITEMS. I DON'T HAVE IT  
17    BEFORE ME BUT...

18

19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD THAT-- IS THE MOTION TO PLACE THIS ON  
20    THE "A" FILE OR TO NOT HAVE IT ON THE "A" FILE?

21

22    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT WOULD NOT HAVE IT ON THE "A" FILE.

23

24    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT IS ON THE "A" FILE.

25



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1 DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE: THERE IS A STANDING...

2

3 SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: BUT THAT'S ALWAYS THE CASE BUT NOT ON THE  
4 SPECIFIC REPORTING MECHANISM.

5

6 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: IT WOULD TAKE THIS ITEM THAT WE'VE HAD  
7 WEEKLY NOW FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS OFF THE AGENDA AND, IF  
8 THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIFIC, THIS IS WHAT I THINK I ALLUDED TO  
9 ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO BUT BETTER LATE THAN NEVER, WE CAN  
10 ALWAYS CALL SOMETHING UP AND YOU'RE ALWAYS ON CALL AT A BOARD  
11 MEETING ANYWAY IF THERE'S SOMETHING. BUT IT NO LONGER REQUIRES  
12 THIS WHOLE TEAM OF PEOPLE TO TAKE A GOOD PART OF TUESDAY TO BE  
13 HERE EVERY TUESDAY. AND, FRANKLY, YOUR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM,  
14 WHICH I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU HADN'T DONE IT BEFORE BUT,  
15 NEVERTHELESS, IT'S A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT INTERNALLY OVER  
16 WHAT YOU HAD AND IT GIVES YOU THE SPACE TO DO WHAT YOU NEED TO  
17 DO. AND THEN, IF THERE ARE ISSUES THAT ANY OF US WANT TO  
18 RAISE, AS WE DO WITH ANY DEPARTMENT HEAD, WE CAN CALL YOU UP  
19 ON ANY GIVEN TUESDAY. BUT I THINK THIS IS A SANE WAY TO  
20 APPROACH IT, ESPECIALLY AS WE GET CLOSER TO DECISION DAYS.

21

22 SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. SO THOSE ARE THE ISSUES. ALL  
23 RIGHT. WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM.  
24 THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, MR. PETER BAXTER  
25 AND DR. MARCEL WEELOCK. PLEASE JOIN US.



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1  
2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
3 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW, IT'S KIND OF AMAZING THAT,  
4 IN SOME WAY, YOU KNOW, S-1 ON EVERY WEEK, WOULD NOT CHANGE  
5 MUCH BECAUSE YOU NEVER GET AN-- VERY SELDOM DO YOU GET AN  
6 ANSWER TO THE QUESTION YOU ASK, SO, YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK  
7 THAT WOULD BE NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE. BUT FOR DR. GARTHWAITE TO  
8 HAVE TAKEN ALMOST, I MEAN, EIGHT MONTHS TO COME UP TO THAT  
9 BRILLIANT DECISION THAT HE SHOULD HAVE A TEAM WHO MANAGE  
10 INFORMATION IS LUDICROUS. IT IS A JOKE. BUT I THINK, AT THIS  
11 STAGE OF THE GAME, YOU ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT ANYTHING,  
12 ESPECIALLY NOT TO HAVE THE PUBLIC SCRUTINY. BUT YOU CAN BE  
13 ASSURED THAT, NO MATTER IF YOU HAVE S-1 OR NOT, SOME OF US  
14 WILL BE WATCHING AND SOME OF US WILL BE DEMANDING THAT WE GET  
15 COPY OF THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN YOU, D.H.S., THE HOSPITAL  
16 ADVISORY BOARD, ET CETERA. I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU  
17 LOOK AT THE CHANGE IN THE POLICY AND PROCEDURE OF THE HOSPITAL  
18 ADVISORY BOARD. THERE IS SOME VERY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE THAT I  
19 THINK YOU SHOULD READ BEFORE THEY ARE APPROVED, REMOVING A LOT  
20 OF POWER FROM YOUR BOARD TO MAKE DECISION WHEN IT COME TO KING  
21 DREW. AGAIN, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT, NOW YOU ARE NOT LOOKING VERY  
22 STRAIGHTFORWARD. IF NOW YOU ARE THINKING OF DOING OUTSOURCING  
23 TO SPEND TIME AND EFFORT TO TRY TO FIND A C.A.O. OR A C.N.O OR  
24 WHATEVER IS LUDICROUS BECAUSE, IF YOU ARE GOING TO ADD THOSE  
25 THINGS TO THE HOSPITAL, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO MANAGE AND





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1 DIRECT THE OUTSOURCING WILL WANT TO BE THE ONES WHO WANT TO  
2 SELECT THE NEW HEADS. SO MAYBE YOU SHOULD LOOK AT THAT. THANK  
3 YOU.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. BAXTER.

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7 **PETER BAXTER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,  
8 MISS HARPER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND  
9 I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT THIS  
10 AGENDA ITEM PROVIDES FOR A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF REFORM AT  
11 KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. THERE IS A COMPARISON TO BE DRAWN  
12 BETWEEN THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION OVER THE KING DREW  
13 MEDICAL CENTER AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
14 ANGELES. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO PUBLIC RESOURCES IN  
15 TERMS OF PUBLIC SCRUTINY IS A LITTLE SHORT OF AMAZING. THE  
16 KING DREW DISCUSSION HAS ATTRACTED, AND THAT DISCUSSION  
17 CONTINUES TO ATTRACT, THE MOST CAREFUL STUDY BY THE BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NAVIGANT AND THE NEWS  
19 MEDIA, PARTICULARLY "THE LOS ANGELES TIMES." IN COMPARISON,  
20 THERE APPEARS TO BE NO ONGOING STUDY OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE  
21 FIRE DEPARTMENT, EVEN THOUGH THE DISASTER OF 9/11 WAS, AS IT  
22 REMAINS, A PUBLIC SPECTACLE OF FIREFIGHTING BEING REVEALED AS  
23 A VOCATION IN SHAMBLES. THE WHOLE UNDERTAKING, THAT IS, THE  
24 RESPONSE OF THE NEW YORK FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THAT EVENT WAS A  
25 TOTAL FAILURE. HERE IN LOS ANGELES, WE FACE ANOTHER FIRE



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1 SEASON WHEN WE MAY EXPECT TO SUFFER THE LOSS OF LIFE AND  
2 PROPERTY FROM FIRE ON A SCALE UNKNOWN IN ANY OTHER PART OF THE  
3 WORLD. SAINT GENEVIEVE, WHO LIVED FROM 422 TO 512, IS THE  
4 PATRON SAINT OF PARIS IN FRANCE. ANTOINE LARONGUE LAVOICIER,  
5 WHO LIVED FROM 1743 TO 1794, WHEN HE WAS GUILLOTINED BY THE  
6 FRENCH REVOLUTION AS A TAX FARMER. HE WAS A FRENCH CHEMIST WHO  
7 WAS REGARDED AS THE FOUNDER OF-- HE WAS A FRENCH CHEMIST WHO  
8 WAS REGARDED AS THE FOUNDER OF MODERN CHEMISTRY. I'M RELYING  
9 ON CHAMBER'S BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY. HE DISCOVERED OXYGEN.  
10 THAT'S WHAT HE DID. HE DISCOVERED OXYGEN. THE PRESENTATION I  
11 MAKE HERE ABOUT AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF FIGHTING FIRE IS  
12 BASED NOT ON ANYTHING THAT I THOUGHT UP BUT ON THE CHEMISTRY  
13 OF LAVOICIER. THAT IS WHY IT IS INTRIGUING TO BE CASTIGATED  
14 FOR PRESENTING THE CHEMISTRIES OF LAVOICIER BY SOMEONE WHO IS  
15 NAMED AFTER THE PATRON SAINT OF PARIS, ALL OF WHICH IS  
16 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND I THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. DR. WEELOCK.

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20 **DR. WEELOCK:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M DR. WEELOCK AND,  
21 ON JUNE 30TH, I RETIRED AS DEAN OF COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT  
22 CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY. SO, FIRST, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL  
23 FOR YOUR CONTINUED INTEREST AND DEDICATION TO KING DREW  
24 MEDICAL CENTER AND IN DOING YOUR BEST TO MAKE THAT INSTITUTION  
25 SUCCEED. YOU KNOW, I SHARE YOUR FRUSTRATION AND YOUR ANGER AT



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1 THE VARIOUS MISMANAGEMENT. IN SOME WAYS, AND DON'T GET ME  
2 WRONG WHEN I SAY THIS, BUT I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU BECAUSE I  
3 THINK THAT AS YOU-- YOUR FRUSTRATION IS BECAUSE OF THE SORT OF  
4 HALF TRUTHS YOU'VE GOTTEN AND NOT THE WHOLE PICTURE. AND I  
5 THINK THAT, AT SOME POINT, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD  
6 HAVE A SIT-BACK AND JUST GET, SAY, MAYBE SOMEBODY FROM  
7 ANDERSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS TO LOOK AT THIS AS A CASE STUDY.  
8 THE MISMANAGEMENT, AS YOU, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, HAS POINTED OUT  
9 HAVE GONE ON THERE FOR YEARS AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S CONVENIENT TO  
10 ATTACK DR. GARTHWAITE BECAUSE THE HEAD HONCHO ALWAYS GETS IT.  
11 AS THE DEAN, I HAVE TO TAKE MY SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITIES.  
12 THERE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSES AND WE SOMETIMES CONCENTRATE SO MUCH  
13 ON THE FAILURES THAT WE FORGET THE SUCCESSES. AND THERE HAVE  
14 BEEN SUCCESSES AT DREW. AND, IF YOU KEEP BEATING SOMEBODY, IF  
15 YOU KEEP TELLING A CHILD HE'S UGLY, YOU KEEP HITTING AT  
16 SOMEBODY, THEY'RE GOING TO REACT AND WE HAVE TO HAVE A BALANCE  
17 IF WE ARE GOING TO GO FORWARD. THAT COMMUNITY REALLY NEEDS  
18 THAT HOSPITAL AND THE EDUCATION PROGRAM. WE HAVE HAD SUCCESSES  
19 AT DREW WHICH HAVE BEEN IGNORED AND THAT IS VERY HURTFUL TO ME  
20 AND TO THE STUDENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE GOT THROUGH THE MEDICAL  
21 SCHOOL ACCREDITATION WITH NO CITATIONS AGAINST THE DREW  
22 PROGRAM. THERE WERE CONCERNS ABOUT THE HOSPITAL BUT NOT THAT.  
23 WE GOT THROUGH ACCREDITATION OF-- OR CONTINUED MEDICAL  
24 EDUCATION PROGRAM WITH A COMMENDATION. WE HAVE RISEN IN OUR  
25 RESEARCH FUNDING. WE ACTUALLY HAVE MORE RESEARCH FUNDING THAN



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1 HARBOR, EVEN THOUGH OUR INSTITUTION IS 25 YEARS OLD COMPARED  
2 TO HARBOR BEING 50 YEARS OLD. IF YOU'LL LOOK AT KING, HOW MANY  
3 C.E.O.S HAS KING HAD IN THE LAST 10 YEARS? MAY I ASK YOU A  
4 QUESTION, MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, YOU CAN'T.

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8 **DR. WEELOCK:** OKAY. 10. HARBOR HAS HAD ONE IN 10 YEARS AND SO  
9 HAS OLIVE VIEW. WE HAVE HAD 10 C.E.O.S. WHEN I CAME HERE THREE  
10 AND A HALF YEARS AGO, WE HAVE HAD FIVE INTERIM C.E.O.S IN A  
11 YEAR. THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM. SO I THINK, AS THESE REPORTS  
12 THAT YOU'RE GETTING ARE HELPFUL BUT I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU  
13 GET SOMEBODY FROM ANDERSON OR ANOTHER BUSINESS SCHOOL TO JUST  
14 DO A CASE STUDY AND GIVE YOU AN OBJECTIVE VIEW. SO MY TIME IS  
15 UP AND I WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU FOR ANY FAILINGS THAT MAY  
16 HAVE OCCURRED UNDER MY WATCH BUT WE HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESSES  
17 AND I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST OF LUCK AND THANK YOU FOR  
18 PERSEVERING AND TRYING TO MAKE KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER A  
19 SUCCESS.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE THE  
22 ITEM BEFORE US. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. YOU'RE VOTING  
23 "NO", SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS VOTING  
24 "NO" BUT THERE ARE THREE VOTES FOR IT, SO THERE ARE NO  
25 OBJECTION TO THE OTHER THREE VOTES. SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.



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1 VERY GOOD. LET'S GO BACK TO OUR SPECIALS. I HAVE SOME  
2 ADJOURNMENTS. I ASK TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JULIO  
3 CABRERA, JR. HE IS THE BELOVED FATHER OF ANGEL CABRERA AND  
4 ANNIE MERCADO, WHO ARE LONG-TIME SOUTH WHITTIER COMMUNITY  
5 ACTIVISTS. JULIO WAS A PIONEERING SOUTH WHITTIER RESIDENT. HE  
6 WAS BORN IN ARIZONA AND MOVED TO THE WHITTIER AREA AS A YOUNG  
7 CHILD WHERE THE FAMILY RAISED THEIR OWN CROPS AND LIVESTOCK.  
8 HE WAS VERY COMMUNITY ORIENTED, PARTICIPATING IN BOY SCOUTS  
9 AND OTHER YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ENDEAVORS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.  
10 JULIO MARRIED CARMEN AND THEY RAISED FOUR CHILDREN: ANGEL,  
11 LUIS, STELLA AND ANNIE, WHO ALL CONTINUE TO RESIDE IN  
12 WHITTIER. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE  
13 FAMILY. I'D LIKE TO ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY  
14 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIREFIGHTER CRYSTAL GOLDEN JEFFERSON,  
15 WHO HAS TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY AFTER A VERY LONG ILLNESS.  
16 CRYSTAL WAS TRULY A PIONEER. IN 1985, SHE JOINED THE CITY OF  
17 ENGLEWOOD AS THEIR FIRST FEMALE AFRICAN-AMERICAN FIREFIGHTER  
18 AND SERVED THERE WITH DISTINCTION UNTIL JOINING THE COUNTY  
19 FIRE DEPARTMENT IN 2000 WHEN THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD WAS ANNEXED  
20 INTO THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT. THROUGHOUT HER  
21 DISTINGUISHED CAREER, CRYSTAL SERVED AS A ROLE MODEL AND AN  
22 ADVOCATE FOR OTHER WOMEN INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FIRE  
23 SERVICE AND SHE WAS THE FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL  
24 FEMALE FIREFIGHTERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE EXTEND OUR  
25 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HER DAUGHTER, ZALEKA, HER PARENTS,



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1 DOLORES AND JAMES GOLDEN AS WELL AS ALL OF HER FRIENDS AND  
2 COLLEAGUES. SO, SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D PARTICULARLY LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON MISS  
7 GOLDEN-- ON MISS JEFFERSON'S ADJOURNMENT. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK  
8 DON KNABE, ON ANGEL CABRERA, THE FATHER, ON THAT ONE. I ALSO  
9 HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS FROM SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHO HAD TO LEAVE  
10 EARLY. CASS HERNANDEZ, WHO PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY, JULY THE  
11 23RD. HE WAS 57 YEARS OLD. CASS WAS THE OLDER BROTHER OF  
12 ANTHONY HERNANDEZ, OUR DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORONER.  
13 HE WAS A RESIDENT OF EAST L.A. AND POMONA. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
14 HIS WIFE, FELICIA, SON, WILLIAM, MOTHER, MARIA GUADALUPE. HE  
15 HAS THREE OTHER SISTERS AND TWO BROTHERS. ALL MEMBERS ON THAT  
16 ITEM. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE NAME OF KENNETH KERNOW, WHO  
17 PASSED AWAY ON JULY 18TH. HE WAS 75. COACH KERNOW, AS HE WAS  
18 KNOWN IN BELLFLOWER, TAUGHT BASEBALL FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS TO  
19 HUNDREDS OF LOCAL KIDS. THERE WASN'T A KID IN 50 YEARS OR  
20 YOUNGER THAT DIDN'T PLAY WITH, AGAINST OR FOR HIM. WHEN HE WAS  
21 STATIONED IN SANDY HILL DURING THE KOREAN WAR, HE PERSUADED  
22 THE GENERAL TO LET HIM FORM A SOFTBALL AND FOOTBALL TEAMS ON  
23 THE U.S. NAVAL BASE. AFTER SERVING IN THE NAVY, HE SETTLED IN  
24 BELLFLOWER IN 1955. HE COACHED AND SERVED LITTLE LEAGUE  
25 DISTRICT LEVEL FOR 37 YEARS AND WAS A WINNING COACH. IN





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1 ADDITION TO TEACHING BASEBALL, HE TAUGHT BOYS HOW TO BE YOUNG  
2 MEN AND ABOUT HONESTY AND INTEGRITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
3 WIFE, MARY, SONS, TOM AND CHUCK, AS WELL AS DAUGHTER, KATHY.  
4 HE HAS SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD. I'D ALSO  
5 LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE NAME OF MR. HENRY J.  
6 LOVELESS WHO WAS BORN OCTOBER 24TH, 1918. HE PASSED AWAY ON  
7 JULY 6TH AT THE AGE 86. MR. LOVELESS WAS A 43-YEAR RESIDENT OF  
8 THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. HE WAS EMPLOYED BY UNION OIL FOR 32  
9 YEARS AS A DISPATCHER, SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY CORPS DURING  
10 WORLD WAR II AND WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED AS A STAFF SERGEANT.  
11 HE'S A MEMBER OF THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
12 BIXBY KNOWLES MASONIC LODGE. MR. LOVELESS IS SURVIVED BY FOUR  
13 SONS, DAVID, BOB, CHARLIE, AND PAUL. ALSO BY HIS BROTHER,  
14 KARL, HIS SISTER, MARIE, AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. I'D ALSO ASK,  
15 ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR KNABE, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE NAME OF-  
16 - LET ME SEE IF I CAN -- VAISNAY MUI, WHO WAS AMONG SIX TROOPS  
17 THAT WERE KILLED IN A SUICIDE CAR BOMB ATTACK ON JUNE 23RD ON  
18 THEIR CONVOY TO FALLUJAH, IRAQ. HE WAS A 20-YEAR-OLD. VAISNAY  
19 WAS BORN IN LONG BEACH AND SON OF A CAMBODIAN REFUGEE WHO CAME  
20 TO THE UNITED STATES AFTER THE VIETNAM WAR. HE GRADUATED FROM  
21 JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS ATTENDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASSES  
22 WHEN HE DECIDED TO JOIN THE MARINE CORPS. THIS WAS ALL DONE IN  
23 HONOR OF HIS MOTHER. HE WAS KNOWN TO HIS PEERS AS A HARD  
24 WORKER WHO NEVER COMPLAINED AND ALWAYS COMPLETED HIS MISSION.  
25 HE FOLLOWED IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HIS UNCLE, WHO WAS THE FIRST



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1 IN THE FAMILY TO ENLIST IN THE MILITARY. HIS UNCLE SAID, "HE  
2 WANTED TO BECOME LIKE ME. IN THE END, IT'S ME WHO WANTS TO BE  
3 MORE LIKE HIM." HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, NONG, SISTER,  
4 LAGONG, AND HIS STEPFATHER, WOODY CHIAP AND HIS UNCLE, MUI.  
5 HE'LL BE MISSED AND REMEMBERED AND WE WANT TO THANK HIM FOR  
6 HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. AND WE'D ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN ON  
7 BEHALF SUPERVISOR KNABE TO MR. FREDERICK SANCHE, BORN OCTOBER  
8 THE 23RD, AT THE AGE OF-- PASSED AWAY ON JULY 10TH AT THE AGE  
9 OF 87. BEFORE MOVING TO LAKEWOOD IN 1952, FRED JOINED THE U.S.  
10 ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II AND WAS A SERGEANT IN THE SERVICE FOR  
11 FIVE YEARS. AFTER MOVING TO LAKEWOOD, FRED WAS KNOWN AS THE  
12 PERFECT HOST OF A WELL-KNOWN RESTAURANT CALLED HOTEIES. FRED  
13 MARRIED JEAN, WHO ME MET WHILE HE WAS A CAR HOP. HE LOVED THE  
14 FOOD CHAIN SO MUCH THAT HE NAMED HIS SON, HOTEY. HE SERVED AS  
15 CHAIRMAN OF CITY PARKS AND REC, MEMBER OF THE PACIFIC  
16 HOSPITAL, LONG BEACH BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PRESIDENT OF THE  
17 LAKEWOOD PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION AND THE PAN AMERICAN  
18 FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION. HE WORKED WITH THE LAKEWOOD ROSE FLOAT  
19 ASSOCIATION AND THE LAKEWOOD CENTER BUSINESSMAN'S ASSOCIATION.  
20 HE BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE GREATER LAKEWOOD CHAMBER OF  
21 COMMERCE IN 1960. IN THE SAME YEAR, HE WAS MARRIED TO-- HE WAS  
22 NAMED LAKEWOOD'S MAN OF THE YEAR. FRED IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
23 OF 54 YEARS, JEAN, DAUGHTERS, THERESA, JEAN AND MARIA, SON,  
24 HOTEY AND JASON AND A GRANDDAUGHTER BY THE NAME OF TARA. AND,  
25 FINALLY, WE'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF



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1 GEORGE H. SUFFORD, WHO WAS BORN OCTOBER THE 16TH, 1921. HE  
2 PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK AT THE AGE OF 83. MR. SUFFORD WAS A  
3 RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH FOR THE LAST 82 YEARS. HE ATTENDED LONG  
4 BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MAJORED IN ARCHITECTURE AT  
5 U.S.C. HE BEGAN HIS FORMAL CAREER AS A CRAFTSMAN AT THE PORT  
6 OF LONG BEACH AND EVENTUALLY RETIRED AS THE DIRECTOR OF PORT  
7 MAINTENANCE. GEORGE ENTERED THE BOOT CAMP IN THE U.S. NAVY  
8 WORLD WAR II AND SERVED AGAIN IN THE KOREAN WAR. HE WAS IN THE  
9 RESERVES FOR MANY YEARS AND RETIRED AS A COMMANDER. HE LOVED  
10 BEING A BOY SCOUT MASTER, VOLUNTEERED WITH THE SEA FAIRER  
11 CENTER, THE Y.M.C.A., PORT AMBASSADORS AND HIS CHURCH, WHERE  
12 HE WAS ALSO AN ELDER. HE WAS ON THE BOARDS OF MANY  
13 ORGANIZATIONS OVER THE YEARS. HE ENJOYED BODY SURFING, SKIING,  
14 TRAVELING AND GOLF. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, ANN, DIANA  
15 HALL, TWO SONS, DANA AND TIMOTHY, GRANDCHILDREN JONATHAN AND  
16 JENNIFER HALL AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE COMPLETE MR.  
17 KNABE'S ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 22,  
18 WHICH HAS BEEN HELD BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ALL RIGHT. WE  
19 HAVE ABOUT 15 PEOPLE WHO WISH TO TESTIFY ON THESE ITEMS, SO  
20 WE'D ASK THEM TO BE AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE BUT WE WOULD  
21 APPRECIATED THAT THEY WOULD ALL COME UP. FIRST, IF WE COULD  
22 ASK HOWARD JACOBS TO JOIN US AND THERESA DECRESCENZO. I HOPE  
23 THAT'S CORRECT. THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. AND THEN RACHEL  
24 WHITE AND ROBERT WINN, IF THEY'D JOIN US, PLEASE.

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1   **HOWARD JACOBS:** MY NAME IS HOWARD JACOBS AND I'M A RESIDENT OF  
2   WEST HOLLYWOOD. I'M ALSO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR  
3   THE GAY AND LESBIAN ADOLESCENT SOCIAL SERVICES INC., COMMONLY  
4   KNOWN AS GLASS. WE ARE PLEASED TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING  
5   TO OFFER FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE WEST LOS ANGELES AND  
6   LAKEWOOD CATCHMENT AREAS. RECOGNIZING THAT FAMILIES WITH LGPT  
7   AND QUESTIONING CHILDREN, AS WELL AS CHILDREN WITH SAME-SEX  
8   PARTNERS MAY NEED SOCIAL SUPPORT IS A GIANT STEP FORWARD AND  
9   WILL ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL FAMILIES IN LOS  
10   ANGELES COUNTY. LIFE IS CHALLENGING FOR CHILDREN AND  
11   ADOLESCENTS, MANY WHO ARE QUESTIONING AND RECOGNIZING THEIR  
12   SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY AT EARLIER AND EARLIER  
13   AGES. LIFE IS ALSO CHALLENGING FOR PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN  
14   WHO NEED TO ACQUIRE THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO BE GOOD PARENTS,  
15   TO UNDERSTAND THEIR CHILD AND TO KEEP THEIR FAMILIES INTACT.  
16   THIS FUNDING IS ONE OF HOPEFULLY MANY MORE MESSAGES THAT  
17   DEMONSTRATES OUR SHARED BELIEF THAT THROWING YOUR GAY, LESBIAN  
18   AND GENDER VARIANT CHILDREN OUT OF YOUR HOME IS SIMPLY NOT  
19   ACCEPTABLE. THIS FUNDING SAYS THAT ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE TO  
20   KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER AND TO EDUCATE AND DEVELOP SKILLS SO  
21   PARENTS CAN LOVE AND SUPPORT THEIR L.G.B.T AND QUESTIONING  
22   CHILDREN. GLASS IS SO VERY PLEASED TO BE AMONG THOSE SELECTED  
23   TO DELIVER THESE SERVICES. STILL, IT IS IMPORTANT TO  
24   ARTICULATE THAT THE REVIEW PROCESS IS NOT COMPLETE. A  
25   PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF OUR INITIAL SCORE BY THE DEPARTMENT HAS



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1 RAISED OUR TOTAL SCORE BY 300 POINTS IN EVERY CATEGORY AND FOR  
2 EVERY SPA WE APPLIED IN. WE HOPE THAT CONTINUING INCREASES IN  
3 OUR SCORE WILL ALLOW US TO BE AWARDED CONTRACTS IN THOSE AREAS  
4 MOST HEAVILY POPULATED BY L.G.B.T. FAMILIES, WHO ARE  
5 OVERREPRESENTED AT THE OUT OF HOME SYSTEM OF CARE FOR WHOM  
6 ACCEPTANCE OF GENDER AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION VARIANCE IS OFTEN  
7 THE MOST DIFFICULT. RESEARCH HAS WELL DOCUMENTED THAT L.G.B.T.  
8 AND QUESTIONING CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS ARE NOT AMONG THE  
9 HIGHEST BUT ARE THE HIGHEST AT-RISK GROUP FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE,  
10 H.I.V. DISEASE, SUICIDE, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL ILLNESS  
11 THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES. PROVIDING THEM WITH A STRONG  
12 SUPPORTIVE FAMILY NETWORK AND SOCIAL SERVICES SIGNIFICANTLY  
13 REDUCES THAT RISK. ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, IT'S BEEN VERY  
14 INTERESTING FOR ME TO COMPARE THIS PROCESS TO THE PROCESS USED  
15 IN THE AREA I ADVOCATED FOR IN MY PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT: H.I.V.  
16 DISEASE. DETERMINING NEED, IDENTIFYING NEW H.I.V. CASES AND  
17 PUTTING FUNDS WHERE THE PANDEMIC IS HAVING THE GREATEST IMPACT  
18 PLAYED A HIGHEST PRIORITY IN THE ALLOCATION PROCESS.  
19 EPIDEMIOLOGICAL AND PERFORMANCE OUTCOME DATA CARRIED  
20 CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF CONTRACT DOLLARS.  
21 THE USE OF DATA WAS NOT NEARLY AS TRANSPARENT IN THESE  
22 PROPOSED AWARDS. WE KNOW THERE ARE FAMILIES WITH GAY CHILDREN  
23 ALL OVER THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE ALSO KNOW THESE  
24 L.G.B.T. CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE A DISPROPORTIONATE  
25 IMPACT ON THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. YET, IN THIS R.F.P., THERE



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1 IS NO FUNDING SET ASIDE FOR FAMILY SUPPORT, FAMILY  
2 PRESERVATION, AND ADOPTION PROMOTION SERVICES FOR L.G.B.T.  
3 YOUTH AND L.G.B.T. FAMILIES AS THERE ARE FOR OTHER  
4 POPULATIONS. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND THE STAFF OF GLASS, I  
5 WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT FOR RECOMMENDING GLASS FOR THIS  
6 CONTRACT. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE MOTION FOR ITEMS 22 AND  
7 23, AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR KNABE'S AMENDMENT TO ITEM NUMBER 23.  
8 I ASSURE YOU THAT GLASS WILL DELIVER SERVICES IN A MANNER THAT  
9 WHOLLY JUSTIFIES YOUR CONTINUING CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY.  
10 THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IF WE COULD ASK YOU TO  
13 BE AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE ABOUT 25 PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING  
14 TO SPEAK, WE'LL BE HERE FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF AND WE'D  
15 APPRECIATE IT. NEXT WE HAVE THERESA DECRESCENZO.

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17 **SPEAKER:** THERESA WAS NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT AND I WILL...

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. PLEASE PROCEED.

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21 **RACHEL WHITE:** AND I'M RACHEL WHITE.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. RACHEL WHITE. PLEASE PROCEED.

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1   **RACHEL WHITE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD.  
2   THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS RACHEL WHITE, I  
3   LIVE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD AND I'M HERE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE  
4   GAY AND LESBIAN ADOLESCENT SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY KNOWN AS  
5   GLASS. I WANT TO THANK AND RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
6   D.C.F.S. AND THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROCESS RESULTING  
7   IN THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU, ITEM 22 AND 23. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU  
8   APPROVE IT. I'M ALSO HERE THIS MORNING TO ENCOURAGE YOU FOR  
9   THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN THAT ARE IN THE CARE OF D.C.F.S.  
10   THIS PARTICULAR ITEM SETS A STRATEGIC SHIFT IN THE COUNTY'S  
11   CARE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND WE'RE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT  
12   THAT. ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO, WHEN THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL  
13   FORMED, TERESA DECRESCENZO, GLASS' EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND  
14   WELL-KNOWN CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE, SUGGESTED THAT A COUNTYWIDE  
15   SPA BE ESTABLISHED FOR GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND  
16   TRANSGENDERED YOUTH, AS WELL AS SET ASIDE FUNDING IN  
17   PROPORTION TO THOSE REPRESENTED IN THE SYSTEM. I WISH TO ECHO  
18   THE COMMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUE AND I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A VERY  
19   BRIEF THUMBNAIL SKETCH THAT, IT WOULD APPEAR, LOOKING AT THE  
20   DATA, THAT SOMEWHERE AROUND 30 YOUTHS IN A TYPICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
21   ARE QUESTIONING OR OUT AND THAT, AMONG THOSE YOUTH, 30% OF  
22   THEM WILL ATTEMPT SUICIDE BEFORE THEY GRADUATE FROM HIGH  
23   SCHOOL. WE DID A HOMELESS STUDY AND WE'VE SAW THAT, OF THE 150  
24   YOUTH WE CONTACTED, ONE IN THREE WERE OPENLY GAY AND THAT 90%  
25   OF THOSE YOUTHS WERE PRACTICING SURVIVAL SEX TO SURVIVE. WHAT



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1 THIS INDICATES TO US IS IS THERE'S STILL SIGNIFICANT FUTURE  
2 WORK TO BE DONE WITH THE SYSTEM AND WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE  
3 HERE, IN OUR AGENCY AS WELL, TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR THESE  
4 YOUTH. THE MATTER BEFORE YOU TODAY IS WELL CONSIDERED AND WE  
5 RECOMMEND IT, ALTHOUGH IT DOESN'T ADDRESS ALL THE MATTERS THAT  
6 HAVE BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE YOU TODAY. OUR AGENCY, GLASS, OFFERS  
7 TO WORK WITH YOU AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ADDRESS  
8 THESE MATTERS AND WE BELIEVE THAT A DEDICATED SPA AND  
9 ASSOCIATED SET ASIDE FUNDING IS AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO START.  
10 THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE APPRECIATE IT, MR.  
13 WHITE. MR. WINN, YOU SIGNED UP FOR BOTH ITEMS 22 AND 23 AND IF  
14 YOU WOULD DISCUSS THEM BOTH, AND LET ME JUST CALL UP A COUPLE  
15 OF OTHER PEOPLE. REVEREND FRANK HIGGINS, CARLOTTA CARLISLE, IF  
16 THEY'D PLEASE JOIN US, PLEASE. EILEEN FRIEDMAN. PLEASE  
17 PROCEED, SIR.

18

19 **ROBERT WINN:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS. I'M  
20 HERE OPPOSING 22 AND THE REASON IS THE MOST EXPERIENCED  
21 AGENTS-- AGENCY THAT HAS BEEN ON AND PROVIDING SERVICES WAS  
22 LEFT OFF OF THIS PARTICULAR FUNDING. THAT'S THE SAN FERNANDO  
23 VALLEY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. THE OTHER AGENCIES THAT WERE  
24 REPRESENTED, THEY REPRESENT THREE YEARS, THREE YEARS AND ZERO  
25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, WHERE WAS THE



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1 BREAKDOWN? IS THERE SOMETHING SINISTER? IS THIS SOMETHING  
2 ABOUT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WITH REGARD TO THEIR R.F.P. OR  
3 SOMETHING IN THEIR RECORD THAT CAUSED THEM NOT TO BE A PART OF  
4 THIS FUNDING FOR 12 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE? I'VE LIVED IN THE SAN  
5 FERNANDO VALLEY, RAISED SIX CHILDREN THERE, 11 GRANDCHILDREN  
6 FOR 41 YEARS AND HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB  
7 OVER THOSE YEARS AND IT IS VERY, VERY HARMFUL TO THE COMMUNITY  
8 TO LEAVE OFF AN AGENCY WITH 12 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND OPT OUT  
9 FOR AGENCY WITH NOT THAT MANY YEARS COLLECTIVELY. SO PLEASE,  
10 I'M JUST ASKING THAT YOU RECONSIDER THIS IN THE LIGHT OF THAT.  
11 AND, AS FAR AS 23, I WILL NOT BE BACK TO SPEAK ON THAT ONE. MY  
12 OBJECTION IS THAT THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB  
13 IS BEING LEFT OUT OF THE LOOP AFTER 12 YEARS AS A LEAD AGENCY  
14 IN THIS PARTICULAR EXPERIENCE. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ARE YOU MISS CARLISLE?

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18 **DR. FRIEDMAN:** NO. I'M DR. FRIEDMAN.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS MISS CARLISLE HERE? COULD YOU  
21 COME UP AND JOIN US, PLEASE? ALL RIGHT. COULD WE HAVE URSEL  
22 HOFMANN, ALL RIGHT. REVEREND HIGGINS.

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24 **REVEREND FRANK HIGGINS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR, AND TO ALL  
25 THE SUPERVISORS. I WAN TO FIRST THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO



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1 SPEAK TODAY AND TO BRING THIS MATTER BEFORE YOU. I WANT TO  
2 ESPECIALLY THANK MY SUPERVISOR, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND  
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE ALSO FOR THE MOTION THEY PUT FORWARD ON ITEM  
4 NUMBER 23. I'M HERE BECAUSE I FEEL THAT THIS BOARD HAS ALWAYS  
5 STOOD FOR FAIRNESS AND YOU'VE ALWAYS DEMONSTRATED THAT IN YOUR  
6 DELIBERATIONS. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH FAMILY PRESERVATION  
7 SINCE 1992 AND IT WAS BROUGHT TO THIS COUNTY THROUGH THE THE  
8 WORKINGS OF SOME VERY OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS. ONE OF THE  
9 INDIVIDUALS WAS A FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF DIRECTOR OF THE  
10 DEPARTMENT, WHO WAS A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, VERY  
11 EXCEPTIONAL MAN AND HE HAS LEFT THE DEPARTMENT FOR A NUMBER OF  
12 YEARS. HE HAS HIRED HIMSELF OUT AS A PROPOSAL WRITER AND I  
13 UNDERSTAND THAT HE DOES EXCEPTIONALLY WELL. SEVERAL AGENCIES  
14 WHO COMPETED FOR THIS PROPOSAL USED HIS SERVICES AND THEY,  
15 TOO, MADE A RIGHT DECISION, I THINK, IN HIRING THE BEST  
16 PROPOSAL WRITER THAT THEY COULD FIND. THE PROBLEM I HAVE,  
17 HOWEVER, IS THAT THE DEPARTMENT ELECTED TO UTILIZE DEPARTMENT  
18 STAFF, WHO FORMERLY REPORTED TO THIS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TO  
19 EVALUATE THESE PROPOSALS, PEOPLE WHO POTENTIALLY WERE HIRED,  
20 PROMOTED OR OTHERWISE WERE IN THE EVALUATION PROCESS FOR THESE  
21 PROPOSALS. AND SO MY CONCERN TODAY IS BECAUSE OF THE WAY IN  
22 WHICH THE PROCESS WAS CARRIED OUT. I HAVE A MEMORANDUM TO THIS  
23 BOARD FROM MR. MICHAEL GALINDO DATED AUGUST 13TH. IF I COULD  
24 ASK YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS. THANK YOU. AND MR. GALINDO DID  
25 A STUDY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTRACTING PROCESS AS FAR BACK AS



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1 1999. I UNDERLINED A SENTENCE ON THE FIRST PAGE IN RED AND IT  
2 SAYS, "THE CMS STAFF..." WHICH IS THE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT  
3 STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT, "...STATED THAT, IN AN EFFORT TO  
4 MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE EVALUATION PROCESS, THEY DID NOT  
5 INCLUDE ANY D.C.F.S. PERSONNEL ON THE EVALUATION COMMITTEES."  
6 NOW, AT THAT POINT, THEY RECOGNIZED THE IMPROPRIETY OF USING  
7 DEPARTMENTAL INSIDERS TO EVALUATE THESE PROPOSALS. MANY OF  
8 THESE PERSONS ARE GOOD PEOPLE, SOME WE'VE HAD OUTSTANDING  
9 WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH, SOME WE'VE HAD PROBLEMS WITH AND  
10 IT PAINS ME TODAY THAT THESE PERSONS WERE UTILIZED WHEN THE  
11 DEPARTMENT COULD HAVE FOLLOWED MR. GALINDO'S RECOMMENDATIONS  
12 AND HAD OUTSIDE, UNBIASED, OBJECTIVE PERSONS EVALUATE THIS. SO  
13 I'M CLOSING BY SAYING, I'M ASKING THAT YOU WOULD REVISIT THE  
14 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AS A RESULT OF THIS  
15 PARTICULAR RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU VERY  
16 MUCH.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. DR. FRIEDMAN.

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20 **DR. EILEEN FRIEDMAN:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DR.  
21 EILEEN FRIEDMAN. I AM THE CLINICAL DIRECTOR OF THE FAMILY  
22 PRESERVATION PROGRAM AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SAN  
23 FERNANDO VALLEY AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO  
24 SPEAK TO YOU TODAY. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SAN  
25 FERNANDO VALLEY HAS BEEN A FAMILY PRESERVATION LEAD AGENCY



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1 SINCE ITS PROGRAM'S INCEPTION 12 YEARS AGO. IN ADDITION, THE  
2 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE FABRIC OF  
3 COMMUNITY LIFE FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS. WE HAVE UNIQUELY  
4 INTEGRATED FAMILY PRESERVATION WITH PROGRAMS IN CHARACTER  
5 BUILDING, LEADERSHIP TRAINING, CHARACTER, CAREER, EDUCATION  
6 AND TECHNOLOGY SKILLS, HEALTH AND LIFE SKILLS, THE ARTS,  
7 SPORTS, FITNESS, RECREATION TO AFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO  
8 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IS IN THE  
9 FOREFRONT OF PROVIDING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS BEYOND THOSE  
10 MANDATED BY FAMILY PRESERVATION. THROUGH AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK  
11 OF COMMUNITY PARTNER AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE SAN FERNANDO  
12 VALLEY, WE HAVE PROVIDED A COMPLETE ARRAY OF SERVICES TO  
13 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. THESE INCLUDE UNIQUE SERVICES  
14 SUCH AS DOOR-TO-DOOR TRANSPORTATION AND CHILDCARE SO THAT  
15 PARENTS CAN MORE EASILY RECEIVE NEEDED SERVICES. MASTER'S AND  
16 DOCTOR LEVEL PROFESSIONALS, NOT STUDENTS OR VOLUNTEERS, STAFF  
17 OUR FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SERIOUS  
18 PROBLEMS THAT D.C.F.S. FAMILIES PRESENT CAN BEST BE DEALT WITH  
19 BY THE HIGHEST CALIBER STAFF. IN 2000 THROUGH 2002, D.C.F.S.  
20 ASKED THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE SAN  
21 FERNANDO VALLEY OUTSIDE OF OUR CONTRACT BOUNDARIES. WE AGREED,  
22 EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THESE  
23 SERVICES. THIS PROVIDED THE GROUNDWORK FOR D.C.F.S. TO  
24 INCORPORATE THESE ADDITIONAL AREAS IN OUR SUBSEQUENT  
25 CONTRACTS. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY





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1 HAS ALWAYS BEEN, IS NOW AND WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR CHILDREN  
2 AND FAMILIES. I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU FUND THE BOYS AND  
3 GIRLS CLUB AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL OR HIGHER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
4 TIME.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. COULD WE ALSO ASK  
7 RICHARD HUME TO JOIN US AS WELL AS DR. LYNN YONEKURA. MISS  
8 CARLISLE.

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10 **CARLOTTA CARLISLE:** OH. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THE STATEMENT  
11 THAT I AM IN AGREEMENT WITH MR. HIGGINS AND DR. FRIEDMAN.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. MISS  
14 HOFFMAN.

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16 **ERCELL H. HOFFMAN:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS  
17 ERCELL HOFMANN, I'M CLINICAL DIRECTOR AT TRIANGLE CHRISTIAN  
18 SERVICES FAMILY PRESERVATION NETWORK. I'M HERE TODAY TO  
19 ADDRESS WHAT IS, IN MY OPINION, THE LACK OF FAIRNESS AND  
20 OBJECTIVITY IN THE EVALUATION PROCESS OF R.F.P. NUMBER CMS  
21 0402404025. THIS WILL REQUIRE ME TO PROVIDE YOU WITH  
22 BACKGROUND UPON WHICH I BASE MY PREMISE. NINE YEARS AGO, I WAS  
23 AN EMPLOYEE WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN  
24 AND FAMILY SERVICES. I WAS A CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKERS. I WILL  
25 NOT NAME NAMES BUT I HAD A SUPERVISING CHILDREN'S SOCIAL



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1 WORKER WHOSE EVALUATION OF MY WORK PERFORMANCE WAS BASED ON  
2 TWISTED INFORMATION ABOUT MY WORK PERFORMANCE. INFORMATION WAS  
3 LIFTED FROM ONE CONTEXT, ALTERED AND PLACED WITHIN THE CONTEXT  
4 OF MY PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. THAT FABRICATED INFORMATION WAS  
5 USED AS A BASIS OF FIRING ME FROM THE DEPARTMENT. I WAS FIRED  
6 BY THE SAME REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR WHO TOOK PART IN THE  
7 EVALUATION OF R.F.P. CMS 0402404025, REFERENCE NUMBER 195214.  
8 TODAY, MY GRIPE IS NOT ABOUT BEING FIRED. I HAVE FORGIVEN  
9 THOSE WHO HAVE FABRICATED THE TALES THAT MADE UP MY  
10 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. I'VE ALSO FORGIVEN THE LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE DEPARTMENT TO WHICH MY  
12 APPEAL WAS ADDRESSED FOR THEIR INACTION OR, IN THIS CASE,  
13 THEIR INACTIONS. ISSUES THAT ARE NOT RESOLVED CONTINUE TO  
14 RESURFACE, AS IN THE FAMILY. WE ARE A FAMILY, A FAMILY OF  
15 PEOPLE WORKING TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE AND TO KEEP OUR  
16 FAMILIES INTACT WHENEVER POSSIBLE. YET, UNTIL WE RESOLVE OUR  
17 CONFLICTS, WE CONTINUE TO PASS IT ON, GENERATION AFTER  
18 GENERATION. WE CAN BETTER HELP OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BY  
19 DEALING WITH OUR OWN ISSUES CONCERNING FAIRNESS AND EQUITABLE  
20 TREATMENT, ISSUES THAT OFTEN FORM THE CORE OF FAMILY CONFLICT  
21 AND DISPUTES. THE ISSUE HERE IS FAIRNESS AND EQUITABLE  
22 TREATMENT. SPECIFICALLY, THE ISSUE HERE IS LACK OF FAIRNESS  
23 AND LACK OF OBJECTIVITY IN THE EVALUATION PROCESS OF THE  
24 PROPOSALS. A CHILD CANNOT EXPECT TO BE TREATED FAIRLY BY A  
25 PARENT WHO HAS PUNISHED HIM OR HER UNJUSTLY IN THE PAST AND



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1 RIGHTFULLY SO. THIS IS A POSITION OF TRIANGLE CHRISTIAN  
2 SERVICES FAMILY PRESERVATION NETWORK. BESIDE THE AGENCY'S OWN  
3 PAST GRIEVANCES CONCERNING ISSUES OF FAIRNESS OF THIS PROCESS,  
4 THE SAME R.A., WHO HAD AXED MY HEAD NINE YEARS AGO WAS IN THE  
5 POOL OF PEOPLE WHO PROCESS, WHO EVALUATED THE PROPOSAL IN  
6 WHICH MY NAME SURFACED. INCIDENTALLY, I WAS ALSO ADVISED THAT  
7 ONE OF THE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS WAS MISSING FROM OUR PROPOSAL,  
8 MY LICENSE AS A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST. WHEN MY NAME  
9 SURFACED AS PART OF THE PROPOSAL PACKAGE, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT  
10 THE DECISION WAS MADE ABOUT THE OUTCOME PRIOR TO GOING ANY  
11 FURTHER. THOUGH MY HEAD WAS HANDED TO ME BY THIS PARTICULAR  
12 REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR SOME NINE YEARS AGO THROUGH DIVINE  
13 GUIDANCE, I FOUND OTHER WAYS TO SERVE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE SUMMARIZE, MISS HOFMANN.

16

17 **ERCELL HOFFMAN:** YES. FOR ME, SO FAR, I HAVE FOUND NO GREATER  
18 REWARD THAN TO BE OF SERVICE. I THINK THAT WHY WE'RE ALL IN  
19 THIS PROFESSION HERE TODAY, TO FIND THE BEST WAYS TO SERVE OUR  
20 COMMUNITY THROUGH STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND HEALTHY FAMILIES  
21 MEANS HEALTHY CHILDREN, USUALLY. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MISS HOFMANN. IF I  
24 COULD ASK FRED LOYA TO JOIN US AS WELL AS DARYL SMITH. MR.  
25 HUME.



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2 **RICHARD HUME:** MY NAME IS RICHARD HUME AND I'M DIRECTOR OF  
3 GRANTS AND CONTRACTS FOR CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER.  
4 WE ARE HERE TO ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DELAY ADOPTING  
5 THE RECOMMENDATION RELATED TO ITEM NUMBER 22 TODAY AND TO  
6 DEFER THAT DECISION UNTIL THE REVIEW PROCESS HAS BEEN  
7 COMPLETED OR THE R.F.P.S HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO BE REEVALUATED.  
8 WE BELIEVE THERE ARE SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE PROCESS  
9 AND I'D LIKE TO YIELD THE REMAINDER OF MY TIME TO DR.  
10 YONEKURA.

11

12 **DR. LYNN YONEKURA:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS, THANK YOU FOR THIS  
13 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I AM DR. LYNN YONEKURA AND I AM  
14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PICO UNION FAMILY PRESERVATION  
15 PROGRAM AT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER. WE HAVE  
16 PROVIDED FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY FOR THE  
17 PAST 10 YEARS UNDER A SERIES OF CONTRACTS WITH D.C.F.S. OVER  
18 THE PAST DECADE, WE HAVE DEVELOPED A STRONG COLLABORATIVE  
19 PARTNERSHIP WITH D.C.F.S. AS WELL AS WITH OUR 33 COMMUNITY  
20 PARTNERS TO PROVIDE THERAPEUTIC SERVICES FOR OVER 1,500  
21 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RESIDING IN THE METRO NORTH AREA. WE ARE  
22 PARTICULARLY PROUD OF OUR OUTSTANDING RECORD IN MAINTAINING  
23 THE INTEGRITY OF FAMILIES AND STRENGTHENING HOME ENVIRONMENTS  
24 FOR OUR COMMUNITIES MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN. I'M HERE TO  
25 SPEAK REGARDING TWO MAJOR CONCERNS. FIRST, WE HAVE DEEP



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1 CONCERN OVER THE SCORING PROCESS THAT WAS USED TO SELECT THE  
2 AGENCIES FOR THE FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM. SECOND, WE HAVE  
3 AN EVEN DEEPER CONCERN OVER THE FACT OF THE SELECTION ON  
4 FAMILIES WHO BENEFIT FROM CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL'S FAMILY  
5 PRESERVATION SERVICES. WE ARE CONCERNED OVER THE AGENCY  
6 SELECTION PROCESS BECAUSE IT DOES NOT CORRELATE WITH OR  
7 REFLECT THE QUALITY OF SERVICES THAT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL HAS  
8 PROVIDED. OVER THE PAST DECADE, WE HAVE COMPILED AN  
9 OUTSTANDING RECORD. IN 2004, WE EXCEEDED D.C.F.S. PERFORMANCE  
10 TARGETS FOR SAFETY AND WELLBEING AND SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDED  
11 PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR PERMANENCY. WE ARE THE ONLY FAMILY  
12 PRESERVATION PROGRAM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT SUCCESSFULLY  
13 CO-LOCATED CHILD WELFARE, MENTAL HEALTH AND COMPREHENSIVE  
14 HEALTHCARE SERVICES. WE'VE CONSISTENTLY RECEIVED COMPLIANCE  
15 SCORES OF 98 TO A HUNDRED PERCENT IN D.C.F.S. AUDITS.  
16 CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL'S SUCCESS SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED. IN FACT,  
17 IF THE SCORING PROCESS DESCRIBED IN THE R.F.P. HAD BEEN  
18 FOLLOWED, WE BELIEVE THAT OUR OUTSTANDING SUCCESS WOULD HAVE  
19 BEEN RECOGNIZED. INSTEAD, WE RECEIVED LOWER SCORES THAN SOME  
20 AGENCIES WITH NO PRIOR HISTORY OF PROVIDING FAMILY  
21 PRESERVATION SERVICES IN METRO NORTH. OUR LARGER CONCERN LIES  
22 WITH THE HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES FOR WHOM WE PROVIDE SERVICES.  
23 OUR FAMILY PRESERVATION OBJECTIVES WERE ACHIEVED IN 78% OF  
24 CASES IN 2004 AND 100% OF CHILDREN WERE ABLE TO REMAIN IN  
25 THEIR OWN HOME. IN ADDITION, OUR FAMILIES WERE FAR MORE LIKELY



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1 TO ACHIEVE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES IN FAMILIES SERVED BY OTHER  
2 FAMILY PRESERVATIONS PROGRAMS WITHIN THE COUNTY, 62% VERSUS  
3 23%. THE FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY NOW STAND TO LOSE THE  
4 EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES WE HAVE PROVIDED FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS  
5 AND ALL OVER A SCORING PROCESS THAT WAS NO DOUBT WELL  
6 INTENTIONED AND YET WILL DISMANTLE AN HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AND  
7 VITAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM. IN CLOSING, WE ASK YOU TO PUT OFF  
8 YOUR DECISION TODAY AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO RESCORE THE  
9 PROPOSALS IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY THE R.F.P. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. NEXT WE HAVE JOSE  
12 DESOSA AS WELL AS LEROY CHASE, IF THEY'D JOIN US. MR. LOYA.

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14 **DR. FRED LOYA:** YES, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DR. FRED LOYA. I  
15 AM A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAN ANITA  
16 FAMILY SERVICE. RESPECTFULLY, I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
17 INTEGRITY OF THE R.F.P. PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS RECENTLY  
18 CONDUCTED BY D.C.F.S. FOR FAMILY PRESERVATION AND FAMILY  
19 SUPPORT PROGRAMS. SAN ANITA FAMILY SERVICE HAS HAD A VERY  
20 SUCCESSFUL FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR THE LAST NINE YEARS. IN  
21 EXCESS OF A HUNDRED THOUSAND CHILDREN AND 20,000 PARENTS A  
22 YEAR HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY CHILD ENRICHMENT SERVICES RENDERED  
23 BY 43 AGENCIES AND CITIES IN OUR MID SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
24 COLLABORATIVE. SAN ANITA FAMILY SERVICE ALSO HAS AN  
25 ESTABLISHED FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM THAT SERVES 150





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1 FAMILIES PER YEAR FROM PASADENA, COVINA AND THE POMONA  
2 D.C.F.S. FIELD OFFICES. WE SUBMITTED THREE NEW FAMILY  
3 PRESERVATION PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES FOR FAMILIES  
4 FROM PASADENA, COVINA, AND POMONA AND WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN  
5 THESE PROPOSALS FOR PASADENA AND COVINA. THE BASIS OF MY  
6 CONCERN ABOUT THE UNFAIRNESS OF THE PROPOSAL EVALUATION  
7 PROCESS IS THAT D.C.F. STAFF WERE INCLUDED ON R.F.P. PROPOSAL  
8 REVIEW COMMITTEES. TWO D.C.F.S. STAFF MEMBERS ATTENDED OUR  
9 FAMILY SUPPORT LUNCHEON HELD ON JUNE 19TH AND TOLD US THAT  
10 THEY WERE ON A REVIEW COMMITTEE AND HAD BEEN GIVEN A ONE-DAY  
11 TRAINING ON HOW TO RATE PROPOSALS. THEY REPORTED FEELING  
12 CONFUSED ABOUT HOW TO DO THE RATINGS AND EXPRESSED  
13 FRUSTRATION. PROGRAM STAFF SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO AN  
14 EVALUATION COMMITTEE ROLE, PARTICULARLY IF THE TRAINING FOR  
15 THE TASK WAS INADEQUATE TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR COMMENTS. THE  
16 DEPARTMENT HAS A DUTY TO ENSURE THAT EVERY PROPOSAL IS GIVEN A  
17 FAIR AND UNBIASED REVIEW. PROGRAM STAFF WHO HAVE DIRECT  
18 KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WITH SAN ANITA FAMILY SERVICE SHOULD  
19 NOT BE PASSING JUDGMENTS ON THESE PROPOSALS. BEFORE COMING TO  
20 SAN ANITA FAMILY SERVICE, I WAS A FACULTY MEMBER AT U.C.L.A.  
21 FOR EIGHT YEARS AND HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE BUSINESS OF  
22 CONDUCTING AND EVALUATING RESEARCH. I WAS A MEMBER OF VARIOUS  
23 FEDERAL INITIAL REVIEW GROUPS EVALUATING MENTAL HEALTH  
24 RESEARCH PROPOSALS. FOR 20 YEARS, I ABSENTED MYSELF FROM MANY  
25 REVIEWS, AS DID COLLEAGUES WHO KNEW PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS



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1   AUTHORING THESE PROPOSALS. EVEN THE APPEARANCE OF BIAS IS TO  
2   BE AVOIDED. THE DEPARTMENT'S FAILURE OF PROPER OVERSIGHT IN  
3   MANAGING THE EVALUATION PROCESS TO ENSURE A FAIR REVIEW IS  
4   SHOCKING. IN CLOSING, I WOULD TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE NOT HAD A  
5   GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PASADENA D.C.F.S. OFFICE BECAUSE  
6   THEY WOULD NOT REFER CASES TO US. WE ENDED UP DOING A LOT OF  
7   WORK IN POMONA AND COVINA. AS A RESULT OF A LOT OF TALK AND  
8   TRYING TO INITIATE MORE REFERRALS, WE COULD NOT HAVE A GOOD  
9   WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT OFFICE. AND TO THINK THAT SOME  
10   OF THESE PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN-- COULD BE INVOLVED IN THE  
11   REVIEW IS VERY SHOCKING. SO, AGAIN, I WOULD DRAW YOUR  
12   ATTENTION TO THE MEMO THAT MICHAEL GALINDO WAS-- WROTE BACK IN  
13   THE YEAR 2000...

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15   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. LOYA.

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17   **DR. FRED LOYA:** THANK YOU.

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19   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SMITH, YOU SIGNED UP FOR BOTH ITEMS.  
20   IF YOU'D ADDRESS THEM BOTH, 22 AND 23.

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22   **DARYL SMITH:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DARYL SMITH. I'M  
23   A RESIDENT OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND A LONG TIME  
24   VOLUNTEER OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SAN FERNANDO  
25   VALLEY. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IS



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1 AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS WELL RESPECTED THROUGHOUT THE SAN  
2 FERNANDO VALLEY. IT HAS WORKED WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR  
3 40 YEARS. THE CLUB IS HEADQUARTERED IN ONE OF THE MOST  
4 UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND IT'S BEEN  
5 THERE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE  
6 SURROUNDING AREAS. THIS ORGANIZATION IS DEDICATED TO  
7 STRENGTHENING AND PRESERVING FAMILIES, FAMILIES WHO FACE  
8 CHALLENGES WHICH TEND TO PLACE THEIR CHILDREN AT RISK OF  
9 ABUSE, NEGLECT OR EXPLOITATION. THE CLUB'S PROFESSIONAL F.P.  
10 STAFF IS FULLY TRAINED AND HAS A MINIMUM OF A MASTER'S DEGREE  
11 WITH SEVERAL YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH HIGH RISK AND  
12 SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IS NOT AN  
13 ORGANIZATION THAT MOVES INTO AREAS-- INTO AN AREA BASED ON  
14 GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC FUNDING; IT'S AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS  
15 PART OF THE COMMUNITY. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB HAS BEEN THE  
16 KEY ORGANIZATION FOR F.P. AND F.S. SERVICES IN THE SAN  
17 FERNANDO VALLEY SINCE 1993, THE INCEPTION OF THE FAMILY  
18 PRESERVATION IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AS A LEAD AGENCY,  
19 IT DEVELOPED A NETWORK OF OVER 30 AGENCIES AND PROVIDED F.P.  
20 SERVICES TO DESIGNATED AREAS AND TO AREAS OF THE VALLEY THAT  
21 D.C.F.S. DID NOT HAVE PROVIDERS TO DELIVER F.P. SERVICES. ONE  
22 COULD ASSUME THAT IT WAS BECAUSE THERE ARE INEFFICIENCIES IN  
23 RELEASING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AS PER THE AGREEMENT WITH  
24 THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHO PROVIDE 75% OF THE  
25 FUNDING FOR THESE SERVICES. ASSEMBLY BILL 546 PROVIDED THE



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY THE CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES OF FAMILY  
2 PRESERVATION. IT WAS ALSO MADE VERY CLEAR THE IMPORTANCE OF  
3 COMMUNITY AND LEAD AGENCIES. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SAN  
4 FERNANDO VALLEY HELPED TO MAKE FAMILY PRESERVATION WORK IN THE  
5 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND SHOULD BE FUNDED AT THE SAME LEVEL AS  
6 IN THE PAST OR GREATER SO THAT IT MAY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE  
7 FAMILY PRESERVATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. IF WE COULD ASK  
10 STEVEN HALL AND REVEREND ZEDAR BROADDUS TO JOIN US. JOSE  
11 DESOSA, PLEASE.

12

13 **JOSE DESOSA:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOSE DESOSA AND I'M A  
15 RESIDENT OF PACOIMA. I'VE RESIDED IN PACOIMA FOR 45 YEARS AND  
16 I'M VERY PROUD TO SAY THAT I'M FROM PACOIMA. I COME TO YOU  
17 TODAY TO APPEAL TO YOUR GOOD JUDGMENT, YOUR SENSE OF FAIRNESS  
18 AND TO ENSURE THAT THE ACTION THAT YOU TAKE TODAY OR WHENEVER  
19 YOU DECIDE TO MAKE THE DECISION ON THE RE-FUNDING OF THE  
20 D.C.F.S. PROGRAM, THAT IT WILL BE ONE WHICH WILL BENEFIT THE  
21 ENTIRE AREA OF LOS ANGELES, AND NOT TO EXCLUDE PACOIMA AND THE  
22 NORTHEAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AS INDICATED BY THE D.C.F.S.  
23 COMMITTEE SUBMISSION TO YOU. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB AND ITS  
24 NETWORK OF OVER 30 AGENCIES HAVE SERVED SUCCESSFULLY THE  
25 FAMILY PRESERVATION, FAMILY SUPPORT ADOPTION AND SUPPORT



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1 SERVICES FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS. YES, I SAID 12 YEARS. YES,  
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WE GO BACK TO WHEN YOU HAD THIS  
3 DISTRICT, WE WERE SERVING THIS PROGRAM THEN. AND YES, ZEV,  
4 DURING YOUR TENURE, SINCE 1994, WE WERE SERVING THIS PROGRAM  
5 THEN AND WE STILL ARE AND WE HAVE BEEN DOING IT SUCCESSFULLY  
6 AND, IF WE HAVE NOT BEEN DOING IT SUCCESSFULLY, SOMEONE SHOULD  
7 HAVE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THAT AND, IF THEY HAD DONE SO, I'M  
8 SURE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE HEARD OF IT AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN  
9 PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. WE ARE A COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCY  
10 HEADQUARTERED IN THE AREA IDENTIFIED AS IN NEED OF SERVICES  
11 AND SERVICING THEM SUCCESSFULLY FOR ALL 12 YEARS. THROUGH OUR  
12 LEADERSHIP ROLES, IT ALLOWED D.C.F.S. TO REACH INTO UNSERVED  
13 AREAS. I ASK YOU, WHAT NOW IS THE PROBLEM? I THINK D.C.F.S.'S  
14 COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION IS UNFAIR, IT IS UNETHICAL AND I  
15 MUST SAY, SHAMEFUL TO EXCLUDE THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BOYS AND  
16 GIRLS CLUB FROM FUNDING. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I APPEAL TO  
17 YOUR GOOD JUDGMENT THAT YOU WILL DO THE RIGHT THING: FUND THE  
18 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. I'VE TAKEN TIME TO SEND A SEPARATE  
19 LETTER. I FAXED IT TO EACH OF YOUR OFFICES YESTERDAY AND I  
20 HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE THE RECOMMENDATION THAT I HAVE  
21 REQUESTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR...

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. DESOSA.

24

25 **JOSE DESOSA:** ...CONSIDERATION.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. CHASE, IF YOU WOULD ADDRESS  
3 BOTH ISSUES. YOU SIGNED UP FOR BOTH.

4

5 **LEROY CHASE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS. SINCE 1993, THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB HAS BEEN THIS  
7 MAJOR FORCE BEHIND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAMILY PRESERVATION  
8 PROGRAM AND FAMILY SERVICES IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THIS  
9 IS WELL DOCUMENTED. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS  
10 CLUB, WHO HAS WORKED WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILY SINCE 1966, A  
11 NETWORK OF COMMUNITY-- A NETWORK OF 30 COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL  
12 SERVICES AGENCIES WERE FORMED. THIS NETWORK HAS PROVIDED  
13 CULTURAL COMPETENT SERVICES TO OVER 3,400 ABUSED AND NEGLECTED  
14 CHILDREN FROM 1,500 FAMILIES. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB HAS BEEN  
15 THE BACKBONE OF THE FAMILY PRESERVATION AND FAMILY SERVICES IN  
16 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER AND  
17 CHILDREN SAFE. IT HAS WORKED-- I'M SORRY. ITS WORK HAS  
18 RESULTED IN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE  
19 VALLEY. THE CLUB'S LEADERSHIP HAS ALLOWED D.C.F.S. TO REACH  
20 INTO UNSERVED AREAS OF THE VALLEY AS A RESULT OF D.C.F.S.  
21 BEING BEHIND AND EXPANDING THE FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES,  
22 EVEN THOUGH THE FUNDS HAVE BEEN THERE. AND THIS IS DOCUMENTED.  
23 I THINK YOU'VE GONE ON RECORD TRYING TO PUT THEM ON RECORD TO  
24 MOVE FORWARD IN REFERENCE TO GETTING AN R.F.P. SO THAT THEY  
25 WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH OUT TO THESE UNSERVED AREAS WHERE





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1 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WERE IN NEED. OUR PROGRAM PRESERVATION  
2 PROGRAM IS STAFFED, AS YOU'VE HEARD BEFORE, BY HIGHLY TRAINED  
3 LICENSED AND MASTER'S LEVELS IN-HOME COUNSELORS WHO ARE AWARE  
4 OF THE CULTURAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. THE CLUB'S SUCCESS IS  
5 DEMONSTRATED IN DATA THAT HAS BEEN COMPILED BY THE UNIVERSITY  
6 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WHICH HAS BEEN FUNDED BY D.C.F.S. THE  
7 R.F.P. PROCESS THAT WE HAVE JOINED IN IS A PROCESS THAT SHOULD  
8 BE COMPETITIVE, FAIR, OPEN AND NO ONE IS GUARANTEED FUNDING.  
9 THIS IS NOT BEING DISPUTED; HOWEVER, A COMPETITIVE, FAIR AND  
10 OPEN PROCESS IS BEING QUESTIONED. THE R.F.P. PROCESS HAS NOT  
11 BEEN ADHERED TO BY D.C.F.S. DOCUMENTS WERE ALLOWED TO BE  
12 SUBMITTED 20 DAYS AFTER THE MAY 20TH DEADLINE. PROPOSALS WERE  
13 ACCEPTED AFTER THE 12:00 NOON DEADLINE ON MAY 20TH. PROPOSALS  
14 WERE RATED ON A POINT SYSTEM OF 8,800, YET, IN THE R.F.P., IT  
15 CALLED FOR 10,000. THIS WAS MADE KNOWN AT THE SO-CALLED  
16 DEBRIEFING MEETINGS. THE STANDARD PROPOSAL RATING ESTIMATE WAS  
17 NOT RELIABLE.

18  
19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU JUST  
20 SAID.

21  
22 **LEROY CHASE:** IN REFERENCE TO THE RATING?

23  
24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN REFERENCE TO THE 8,800 POINTS AND THE  
25 10,000 POINTS.



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2 **LEROY CHASE:** WHEN YOU GO TO YOUR DEBRIEFER TO ADVISE YOU ON  
3 YOUR POINTS, THEY WOULD SIT THERE AND SAY THE POINT SYSTEM WAS  
4 8,800, NOT 10,000. IN THE R.F.P., IT WAS MADE KNOWN THAT IT  
5 WAS 10,000. IT WAS POINTED OUT, BY THE DEBRIEFER, THAT THE  
6 NARRATIVE WAS TO RECEIVE 2,200 POINTS. THE PROGRAM, SPECIFIC  
7 NARRATIVE, 2,200 POINTS. THE QUALITY ASSURANCE PART OF THE  
8 PROPOSAL, 3,000 AND THE FINANCIAL PART, 2,400. BUT, HOWEVER,  
9 THAT WAS CHANGED AT THE DEBRIEFING MEETING TO 1,200, NOT  
10 2,400. SO, AGAIN, RATHER THAN WORKING FROM...

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, HOW DID THAT AFFECT YOUR RESULT?

13

14 **LEROY CHASE:** WELL, BOTTOM LINE...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WAS APPLIED TO EVERYBODY, WASN'T IT?

17

18 **LEROY CHASE:** THAT I DON'T KNOW BECAUSE, WHEN THE QUESTIONS  
19 WERE ASKED, I WAS INFORMED, "WE'LL GET BACK WITH YOU." I SAID,  
20 "WHEN WILL YOU GET BACK WITH US?" THEY SAID, "HOPEFULLY BEFORE  
21 YOU GO BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS." I SAID, "CAN I HAVE A  
22 COPY OF THE INFORMATION THAT YOU'RE PROVIDING THAT YOU'RE  
23 SPEAKING FROM?" THE ANSWER WAS NO. AT THAT POINT, I REQUESTED  
24 THAT EVERYTHING THAT TOOK PLACE WITH THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB  
25 IN REFERENCE TO THE DEBRIEFING BE PROVIDED TO EACH MEMBER OF



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1 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I DON'T THINK YOU'VE RECEIVED THAT  
2 TO DATE. I KNOW I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANYTHING FROM THEM. SO,  
3 AGAIN, THOSE-- THAT'S-- THERE IS ONE OF THE REASONS IN  
4 REFERENCE TO THE D.C.F.S. MATTER ADHERING TO THEIR OWN  
5 PROCESS. THE POINTS WERE DEDUCTED. IF YOU FOLLOWED THE R.F.P.  
6 INSTRUCTIONS WHICH ALLOWED YOU TO SET ASIDE 10% ADMINISTRATION  
7 COSTS. IF YOU SET ASIDE 10%, YOU WERE DINGED, WHEREAS SOMEONE  
8 ELSE COULD BE SET ASIDE 5% AND THEY RECEIVED BONUS POINTS.  
9 THIS WAS NOT IN THE R.F.P. PROCESS. AGAIN, IN A SHORT-TERM,  
10 THIS R.F.P. PROCESS HAD SIX AND POSSIBLY SEVEN ADDENDUMS,  
11 FOLLOWED BY SEVERAL LETTERS MAKING CHANGES IN THE PROCESS. I  
12 DON'T THINK THIS LEADS FOR A COMPETITIVE AND FAIR PROCESS.  
13 IT'S-- THIS EVALUATION PROCESS OF D.C.F.S., YOU KNOW, BOTTOM  
14 LINE, AND I WON'T EVEN SPEAK FROM THE NOTES NOW, IT'S A JOKE.  
15 IN OTHER WORDS, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SPEND  
16 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS PREPARING R.F.P.S OR PREPARING A PROPOSAL  
17 TO BE SUBMITTED AND THEN YOU HAVE A SYSTEM WHERE YOU HAVE  
18 PEOPLE PLAY THEIR GAMES AND THEY COME UP WITH WHATEVER POINT  
19 SYSTEM THEY WANT. THE POINT SYSTEM WAS COMPLETELY CHANGED. YOU  
20 CAN LOOK INTO IT AND SEE IT, IN REFERENCE TO COMING UP WITH  
21 TERMINOLOGY THAT WAS NEVER MADE KNOWN AT ANY MEETING TO THE  
22 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE APPLYING. AND, AS MR. DESOSA SAID, IF  
23 THERE WERE QUESTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS OR PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT  
24 THE YEARS, THEN THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN POINTED OUT TO THE  
25 ORGANIZATIONS AND IF THERE WERE PROBLEMS WITH FAMILY



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1    PRESERVATION THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED IN THIS R.F.P., THAT  
2    SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO EVERY ORGANIZATION THAT CAME TO THE  
3    TABLE TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM D.C.F.S. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
4    TIME.

5

6    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. CHASE, JUST TO CORRECT YOU, AND TELL  
7    ME IF I'M WRONG, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROPOSAL  
8    NARRATIVE WAS WORTH 2,200 POINTS.

9

10    **LEROY CHASE:** YOU KNOW, I DID READ THAT WRONG. THE PROPOSAL  
11    NARRATIVE SHOULD HAVE BEEN 2,200 POINTS. THE PROGRAM SPECIFIC  
12    NARRATIVE SHOULD HAVE BEEN 2,400 POINTS. THE QUALITY ASSURANCE  
13    SHOULD HAVE BEEN 3,000 AND THE FINANCIAL SHOULD HAVE BEEN  
14    2,400 BUT IN THE DEBRIEFING...

15

16    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SHOULD-- DID IT SAY THAT IT WAS 2,400 IN  
17    THE INITIAL PROPOSAL?

18

19    **LEROY CHASE:** YES, IT DID. IT'S IN THE R.F.P. RIGHT HERE, PAGE  
20    47.

21

22    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE WAY THEY BROKE IT DOWN IS PROPOSER'S  
23    FINANCIAL CAPABILITY IS 1,200; LIQUID ASSETS, 400 POINTS;  
24    CURRENT ASSETS AGAINST CURRENT LIABILITIES, 400 POINTS; INCOME



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1 OVER EXPENSES, 400 POINTS. SO THEY BROKE DOWN THE PROPOSER'S  
2 FINANCIAL CAPABILITY INTO A DIFFERENT SUBSET.

3

4 **LEROY CHASE:** WAS THAT-- ARE YOU READING THAT FROM THE R.F.P.?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT I'M TOLD.

7

8 **LEROY CHASE:** I DON'T THINK THAT'S FROM THE R.F.P.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE WILL CORRECT THAT IF THAT'S...

11

12 **LEROY CHASE:** I WOULD-- YOU KNOW, THERE WAS MANY THINGS THAT  
13 THEY-- MANY CHANGES THAT THEY HAVE MADE THAT WERE NOT IN THE  
14 R.F.P. AND THIS IS WHY I'M SAYING IT WAS NOT COMPETITIVE, IT  
15 WAS NOT FAIR AND, BOTTOM LINE, IT BASICALLY WASN'T AN HONEST  
16 PROCESS.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. CHASE.  
19 MR. HALL.

20

21 **STEVEN HALL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS STEVEN HALL. I'M  
22 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AT GUIDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
23 CENTER. THERE ARE SEVERAL ISSUES OF CONCERN THAT WE WOULD LIKE  
24 TO RAISE FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW AS IT  
25 RELATES TO THE FAMILY SUPPORT, FAMILY PRESERVATION AND



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1 A.P.S.S. PROPOSAL-- PROGRAM PROPOSALS. THE FIRST ISSUE IS THE  
2 GREEN BOOK, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE ORIGINAL FRAMEWORK FOR  
3 FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM WAS SUPPORTIVE TOWARDS GRASSROOTS  
4 AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDED THE ESSENTIAL  
5 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY. THIS R.F.P., WE FEEL,  
6 IS IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO THE SPIRIT OF THE GREEN BOOK.  
7 CORPORATIONS ARE NOW PARACHUTING INTO THE COMMUNITY,  
8 DISPLACING AND, IN MANY CASES, REPLACING COMMUNITY-BASED  
9 ORGANIZATIONS. THE SECOND ISSUE THAT WE HAVE IS THE 500-PAGE  
10 SOLICITATION DOCUMENT WAS POORLY PRESENTED, WHICH IS SUPPORTED  
11 BY THE SUBSEQUENT RELEASE OF NUMEROUS ADDENDUMS. THE THIRD  
12 ISSUE, NEITHER THE PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS NOR MEASUREMENT  
13 TOOL USED FOR SCORING THE PROPOSALS WERE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED IN  
14 THE R.F.P., THEREFORE MAKING THE ENTIRE PROCESS VERY  
15 SUBJECTIVE. NUMBER 4, WE ALSO HAVE QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO  
16 THE NUMBER OF AGENCIES FUNDED PER D.C.F.S. OFFICE. SOME  
17 OFFICES AWARDED TWO AGENCIES. OTHERS AWARDED MORE. AND WHAT  
18 OUR QUESTION IS, IS WHAT DETERMINES THE NUMBER OF OFFICES OR  
19 AGENCIES AWARDED PER D.C.F.S. OFFICE? WE REQUEST A THOROUGH  
20 INVESTIGATION THAT WOULD ENSURE THE TENTATIVELY AWARDED  
21 AGENCIES MAINTAIN OPERATIONAL OFFICES THAT ARE LEGITIMATE AND  
22 SERVICE APPROPRIATE. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD MAKE PUBLIC A  
23 PREAWARD SURVEY THAT CORROBORATES THE CAPACITY OF FUNDED  
24 AGENCIES AND ENSURES THAT, (A) AGENCIES ACTUALLY HAVE AN  
25 OPERATION-- OPERATIONAL OFFICE IN THE AREA THEY PROPOSE TO





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1 SERVE; (B) AGENCIES CAN PROVIDE THE EXPECTED SERVICES TO THE  
2 ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN THE OFFICE BOUNDARIES AND/OR  
3 SPA THEY PROPOSE TO SERVE; AND, (C) A CLEAR DEFINITION OR  
4 DESCRIPTION OF AN OPERATIONAL OFFICE. IN CLOSING, WE ARE  
5 REQUESTING THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED ISSUES BE THOROUGHLY  
6 INVESTIGATED PRIOR TO THE BOARD'S ACCEPTANCE OF THIS TENTATIVE  
7 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
8 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. REVEREND?

11

12 **REVEREND FRANK HIGGINS:** THANK YOU, CHAIR MOLINA, TO SUPERVISOR  
13 BURKE, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THANK  
14 YOU FOR ACCEPTING MY TIME. IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, I WON'T GO  
15 INTO THE LONG SERMON THAT I HAD FOR YOU, I'M GOING TO TRY TO  
16 BE THE SHORTEST PREACHER THAT YOU EVER HEARD. BUT I DO HAVE TO  
17 SAY THIS, THAT SOMETHING STINKS IN DENMARK OR IN L.A. COUNTY.  
18 HEARING NOT ONLY THE SITUATION WITH THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
19 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB BUT WITH SOME OF THE OTHER AGENCIES THAT  
20 HAVE TESTIFIED THIS MORNING, THIS AFTERNOON, I JUST WANT TO GO  
21 ON THE RECORD SAYING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NEEDS TO  
22 REVIEW THIS PROCESS BEFORE MAKING THEIR FINAL DECISION ON  
23 APPROVING ITEM 22 AND 23. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME  
24 AND I PRAY, GOD, THAT YOU WOULD REVIEW THE PROCESS. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THAT COMPLETES  
2    PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

3

4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

5

6    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD JOIN US. I  
7    DON'T KNOW IF IT'S DR. SANDERS OR WHO'S COMING.

8

9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE-- I DON'T KNOW-- I HAVE  
10    QUESTIONS.

11

12    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW. WE'RE CALLING THE DEPARTMENT TO  
13    COME UP.

14

15    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PUT ME ON THE LIST.

16

17    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE ON THE LIST.

18

19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. SANDERS, THE QUESTION, THE NUMBERS THAT  
20    WERE GIVEN IN THE R.F.P. WERE CHANGED. WHY WERE THEY CHANGED?  
21    AND HAS THAT OCCURRED-- IS THAT A NORMAL MANNER OF DOING A  
22    CONTRACT, WHERE YOU WOULD CHANGE THE NUMBERS THAT A APPLICANT  
23    WOULD BE JUDGED UPON?

24



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1 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I'M GOING TO HAVE  
2 WALTER CHAN, WHO IS OUR CONTRACT MANAGER, ADDRESS THE QUESTION  
3 SPECIFICALLY.

4

5 **WALTER CHAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. NO, THE NUMBERS HAD NOT  
6 CHANGED FROM THE R.F.P. TO THE EVALUATION OF THE PROPOSALS.  
7 EARLIER, IT WAS REFERRED TO THAT SOMEHOW AN ADDITIONAL 1,200  
8 POINTS WAS ACCUMULATED. THAT'S NOT TRUE. THE EVALUATION  
9 INSTRUMENTS WERE ALWAYS SET UP AS A 10,000-POINT TOTAL OF  
10 WHICH 8,800 POINTS WERE MADE UP OF A PROPOSAL NARRATIVE WORTH  
11 2,200 POINTS; A PROGRAM-SPECIFIC NARRATIVE WORTH 2,400 POINTS;  
12 A QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN SUMMARY FOR 3,000 POINTS; AND A  
13 PROPOSER'S FINANCIAL CAPABILITY WORTH 1,200 POINTS BUT  
14 SPECIFIC TO HOW A BUDGET OF A PROPOSER WOULD AFFECT THEIR  
15 SERVICE PROGRAM. ADDITIONALLY, 1,200 POINTS WAS A FINANCIAL  
16 STATEMENT ANALYSIS IN WHICH LIQUID ASSETS, CURRENT ASSETS  
17 AGAINST CURRENT LIABILITIES AND INCOME OVER EXPENSES WERE  
18 EVALUATED TO DETERMINE THE FISCAL STRENGTH OF AN ORGANIZATION,  
19 AS WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HEARD MR. CHASE'S COMMENTS WHERE THE  
22 NUMBERS WERE DIFFERENT. THE-- WHAT WAS HE QUOTING FROM VERSUS  
23 TO WHAT YOU WERE QUOTING FROM?

24

25 **WALTER CHAN:** I'M UNAWARE OF WHAT HE WAS QUOTING FROM.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. PERHAPS THE SERGEANT COULD GET US THE--  
3 BECAUSE I WANT TO ASK THAT POINT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IN THE END, IT'S ALL THE SAME THING  
6 BECAUSE ALL THE FINANCIAL CAPABILITY BUT IT'S BROKEN DOWN. YOU  
7 SAID THAT-- WAS THAT IN THE R.F.P., THE BREAKDOWN?

8

9 **WALTER CHAN:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF AN AGENCY IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
14 CONTRACT AND THE CONTRACT IS TO BEGIN SERVICES BY AUGUST 1ST,  
15 WILL THIS AFFECT THEIR CONTINUED FUNDING?

16

17 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ONE OF THE  
18 REQUIREMENTS IS THAT AGENCIES HAVE AN ESTABLISHED OFFICE IN  
19 THE SERVICE PLANNING AREA BOUNDARIES OR THE OFFICE BOUNDARIES  
20 THAT THEY'RE SERVING BY THE TIME THE CONTRACT BEGINS. THOSE  
21 AGENCIES WHO DO NOT HAVE AN ESTABLISHED BOUNDARY, MY  
22 RECOMMENDATION WILL BE THAT WE TERMINATE THE CONTRACT AND  
23 REDISTRIBUTE THE FUNDING AND THAT WOULD BE A RECOMMENDATION WE  
24 WOULD NEED TO BRING TO THE BOARD.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL FUNDING BE REDISTRIBUTED?

2

3    **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** THE RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE THAT THE  
4    FUNDING BE REDISTRIBUTED WITHIN THOSE SPA OR OFFICE  
5    BOUNDARIES.

6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CONCERNS THAT  
8    AGENCIES DON'T HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE TO BEGIN  
9    PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES IN THE NEW SERVICE AREAS.

10

11    **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE REQUIREMENT OF  
12    THE CONTRACT IS THAT THEY ACTUALLY HAVE AN ESTABLISHED  
13    LOCATION AT THE TIME THE CONTRACT BEGINS. IF THEY'RE UNABLE TO  
14    SUBSTANTIATE THAT THEY HAVE THAT LOCATION, THEN OUR  
15    RECOMMENDATION WILL BE THAT THOSE CONTRACTS BE TERMINATED.

16

17    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THOSE  
18    AGENCIES WOULD BE COMPLYING WITH THE CONTRACT?

19

20    **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THERE IS SPECIFIC  
21    INFORMATION THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE AND I'LL ASK MR.  
22    CHAN TO ADDRESS THAT.

23

24    **WALTER CHAN:** WE-- EXCUSE ME. WE WILL ASK THAT THEY PROVIDE  
25    LEASE AGREEMENTS OR WHATEVER TO SUBSTANTIATE AND THAT THEY



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1 WILL HAVE AN OPERATIONAL OFFICE BEGINNING AUGUST 1ST. OUR  
2 OPERATIONS STAFF IS ENSURING THAT THE APPROPRIATE STAFF WILL  
3 BE AVAILABLE TO BEGIN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR NEW AGENCIES.  
4 OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT IS WORKING WITH EXISTING AGENCIES TO  
5 ENSURE A TRANSFER OF CASES AND REFERRALS TO ENSURE  
6 UNINTERRUPTED SERVICES.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW IS THE FAMILY TRANSITION-- HOW WILL  
9 FAMILY TRANSITIONS FROM THE OLD AGENCY TO THE NEW AGENCY BE  
10 DONE WITHOUT DISRUPTIONS?

11

12 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THERE ARE ACTUALLY  
13 TWO COMPONENTS TO FAMILY PRESERVATION. ONE IS WHAT'S CALLED  
14 ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE SERVICES AND THE OTHER WOULD INCLUDE  
15 FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES. THE ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE  
16 COMPONENT IS A THREE-MONTH SERVICE. WE HAD EARLIER REQUESTED,  
17 AND THE BOARD APPROVED, AN EXTENSION OF ALL THE ALTERNATIVE  
18 RESPONSE SERVICES SO THAT FAMILIES WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE  
19 ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE SERVICES. FOR FAMILY PRESERVATION  
20 SERVICES, THOSE ARE A LONGER SERVICE AND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT  
21 IS THOSE AGENCIES THAT EITHER NO LONGER ARE FUNDED, AND  
22 THERE'S ACTUALLY ONE AGENCY THAT'S-- TWO AGENCIES THAT AREN'T  
23 FUNDED ANY MORE, AND THEN THOSE AGENCIES THAT HAD A REDUCTION  
24 IN FUNDING WERE LOOKING AT OTHER AGENCIES WITHIN THOSE OFFICE  
25 BOUNDARIES, EITHER NEW AGENCIES OR AGENCIES THAT HAVE CURRENT





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1 CAPACITY TO TAKE THE FAMILIES AND TO CONTINUE THE SERVICES.  
2 AND OUR WORKER AND OUR CONTRACT STAFF WILL HAVE TO ASSURE THE  
3 TRANSITION IS SUCCESSFUL.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE INFORMATION FROM MR. CHASE WAS THE PART  
6 "C" SELECTION PROCESS AND PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA ON PAGE  
7 27, 2.4, IT SAYS, "PROPOSALS SUBMITTED WHICH REFLECT SERVICE  
8 DELIVERY MODELS ADDRESSED IN PART "A", GENERAL INFORMATION  
9 SECTIONS 141, 142 AND 143, MAY BE AWARDED UP TO 500 POSSIBLE  
10 POINTS IN ADDITION TO THE 10,000 POINTS LISTED IN PART "C"  
11 SECTION 2.3, ABOVE." AND THERE IT SAYS, "PROPOSER'S FINANCIAL  
12 CAPABILITY IS 2,400 POINTS POSSIBLE AND THESE PROPOSALS'  
13 SCORES WILL BE AVERAGED AND THEN INCREASED BY THE POSSIBLE  
14 POINTS. THIS NEW TOTAL COMPOSITE SCORE WILL THEN BE RANKED  
15 AGAINST OTHER PROPOSALS IN THEIR APPROPRIATE SERVICE  
16 CATEGORIES AND AREA. IF THE NEW TOTAL COMPOSITE SCORE IS NOT  
17 THE HIGHEST SCORING IN ALL SERVICE CATEGORIES IN AREA, THEN  
18 EACH PROPOSAL WILL REVERT TO ITS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL SCORE AND  
19 WILL BE WEIGHED AS SUCH." THERE IT SAYS PROPOSAL NARRATIVE IS  
20 2,200 POINTS POSSIBLE; PROGRAM SPECIFIC NARRATIVE IS 2,400  
21 POINTS POSSIBLE; QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN SUMMARY IS 3,000  
22 POINTS POSSIBLE; AND, AS I MENTIONED, THE FINANCIAL IS 2,400.

23

24 **WALTER CHAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES THIS INFORMATION DIFFER FROM WHAT  
2   YOU HAD TOLD US?

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4   **WALTER CHAN:** IT DOESN'T DIFFER AT ALL, SUPERVISOR. THE 2,400  
5   IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. ONE PART IS THE ANALYSIS OF THE  
6   BUDGET AS IT RELATES TO THE SPECIFIC PROGRAM SERVICES AND THE  
7   OTHER 1,200 POINTS IS THROUGH AN ANALYSIS OF LIQUID ASSETS,  
8   CURRENT ASSETS AND INCOME OVER EXPENSES TO DETERMINE FISCAL  
9   STRENGTH OF AN ORGANIZATION AS OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAD  
10   ADVISED.

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12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, IN THE-- IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS, WHO  
13   WOULD BE REPLACING THE SERVICE AREA FOR PACOIMA? BECAUSE THE  
14   BOYS-- I KNOW, FOR THE 14 YEARS I REPRESENTED THAT AREA, THEY  
15   HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A RESPONSIBLE FOREFRONT IN HELPING DEVELOP  
16   THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE INTO RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS. AND HOW-- THEY  
17   WOULD BE EXCLUDED? I HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME TO ACCEPT THAT.

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19   **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ACTUALLY, FOR THE  
20   METRO NORTH-- EXCUSE ME, THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD OFFICE, WHICH  
21   SERVICES PACOIMA, THERE ARE FIVE PROVIDERS THAT ARE PART OF  
22   THE ACTION IN ITEM 22 AND IN 23.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE IS THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD BOYS AND GIRLS  
25   CLUB BUT THAT IS A FAR CRY FROM THE PACOIMA BOYS AND GIRLS



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1 CLUB. IT'S A DIFFERENT AREA. EVEN THOUGH IT'S IN THE SAN  
2 FERNANDO VALLEY, IT'S A DIFFERENT SECTION OF THE SAN FERNANDO  
3 VALLEY.

4

5 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR, THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SAN  
6 FERNANDO VALLEY ACTUALLY IS RECEIVING FUNDING FOR FAMILY  
7 PRESERVATION FOR THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD OFFICE. THEY'RE RECEIVING  
8 DECREASED FUNDING FROM WHERE THEY'VE BEEN HISTORICALLY BUT  
9 THEY ARE RECEIVING FUNDING FOR THAT OFFICE. THE OTHER  
10 PROVIDERS ARE THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,  
11 THE UNIVERSITY CORPORATION, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COMMUNITY  
12 MENTAL HEALTH AND INSTITUTE FOR MULTICULTURAL AND COUNSELING  
13 AND EDUCATION SERVICES. SO THERE ARE FIVE PROVIDERS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE DECREASE? FROM WHAT TO WHAT?

16

17 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** I'LL TELL YOU IN A SECOND, SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY REALLY DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY MONEY IN THE  
20 RECOMMENDATION. IT WAS SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING THAT YOU  
21 RECOMMENDED, ISN'T IS THAT CORRECT?

22

23 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** THAT'S CORRECT. AND, SUPERVISOR, THE BOYS  
24 AND GIRLS CLUB OF SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RECEIVED-- THE PREVIOUS  
25 ALLOCATION WAS BY G.S.A., THE GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREAS. THEY



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1 RECEIVED FUNDING IN TWO AREAS. IN G.S.A. 3, THEY RECEIVED  
2 APPROXIMATELY 630,000 AND, IN G.S.A. 19, THEY RECEIVED  
3 APPROXIMATELY 320,000. THEY ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING-- THE  
4 PROPOSAL IS THAT THEY RECEIVE 350,000 TOTAL.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TOTAL. SO GONE FROM ABOUT A MILLION DOLLARS  
7 TO 350,000.

8

9 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR, THAT'S CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE 350,000 WAS ONLY AFTER THE ORIGINAL-  
12 - THE INITIAL REVIEW WAS MADE WHERE THEY GOT ZERO. AND THEN  
13 YOU IDENTIFIED SOME SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS OR HOWEVER YOU DO IT  
14 AND-- AS PART OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD?

15

16 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR, YES.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. PLENTY OF THEM. I WANT TO JUST EXPRESS  
21 MY DISMAY, FIRST OF ALL, AT BEING TOLD THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE A  
22 DECISION TODAY BECAUSE THERE'S A DEADLINE. I WON'T ACCEPT THAT  
23 AND I THINK IT'S A SLAP IN THE FACE TO PEOPLE WHO-- AND YOUR  
24 RECOMMENDATION MAY BE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, YOU MAY BE A HUNDRED  
25 PERCENT RIGHT BUT YOU INVITE SUSPICION AND CRITICISM FROM



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1 ANYBODY WHO HAS A SQUAWK WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION WHEN YOU  
2 FORCE US TO DO SOMETHING TODAY. IT'S A SLAP IN THE FACE, IT'S  
3 DISRESPECTING APPLICANTS, RESPONDENTS TO R.F.P.S. THIS HAS ALL  
4 UNFOLDED VERY QUICKLY. MAYBE YOU HAD TIME TO COGITATE OVER  
5 THIS, YOU AND YOUR STAFF. I HAVEN'T. THIS HAS ALL DESCENDED ON  
6 ME IN THE LAST WEEK AND, ON MY STAFF MAYBE A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO  
7 THAT, A WEEK BEFORE THAT, AND NOW WE'RE TOLD THAT IT'S GOT TO  
8 BE DECIDED TODAY AND YOU'VE TAKEN AN AGENCY-- AND I HATE TO DO  
9 THIS BECAUSE I A AS MUCH A STICKLER ABOUT THE R.F.P. PROCESS  
10 AS ANYBODY BUT YOU TAKE AN AGENCY THAT'S IN THE HEART OF  
11 PACOIMA, IT'S NOT NORTH HOLLYWOOD, IT'S NOT VAN NUYS, IT'S  
12 PACOIMA AND YOU, IN THE INITIAL, WHATEVER-- I CAN'T-- I DON'T  
13 KNOW, I WASN'T ON THE EVALUATION PANEL, BUT YOU EVISCERATE  
14 THEM DOWN FROM ALMOST A MILLION BUCKS TO ZERO, AND THEN YOU  
15 BUMP THEM BACK UP TO 350. SO YOU'VE TAKEN TWO-THIRDS OF THEIR  
16 FUNDING. YOU TALK ABOUT CAPACITY BUILDING AND THIS IS CAPACITY  
17 DIMINUTION, RIGHT IN THE HEART OF ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING  
18 COMMUNITIES IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND CERTAINLY  
19 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I MEAN, YOU COULDN'T ASK-- AND  
20 THEY'RE NOT PERFECT BUT YOU COULDN'T ASK FOR AN AGENCY THAT IS  
21 REASONABLY WELL RESPECTED AND VERY STRATEGICALLY LOCATED AT  
22 VAN NUYS AND LAUREL CANYON, YOU COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER  
23 SITUATION ON PAPER. NOW, SO THE FIRST QUESTION THAT COMES INTO  
24 MY MIND, IS HOW DID THIS HAPPEN? NOW THEY DON'T HAVE A  
25 GUARANTEE. I THINK THEY NEED TO KNOW-- EVERYBODY NEEDS TO KNOW



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1 THIS. R.F.P., JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN THERE FOR 12 YEARS  
2 DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU'RE GUARANTEED ANOTHER CONTRACT. BUT, BY  
3 THE SAME TOKEN, I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY PROBLEMS THEY'VE HAD. I'M  
4 NOT PRIVY TO THE SCORING, TO THE CRITERIA. I'M SITTING HERE  
5 WONDERING WHAT AM I PAID A SALARY TO DO HERE? TO RUBBER STAMP  
6 THE RECOMMENDATION? OR CAN I GET INTO THIS AND EVALUATE THE--  
7 HOW YOU GUYS, WHAT DO YOU CALL, SCORE THE RELATIVE AGENCIES?  
8 THEY'RE ALL FINE AGENCIES. NOT A ONE OF THEM IS BASED IN  
9 PACOIMA. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF THEM-- I IMAGINE ONE OF THEM  
10 HAS A SAN FERNANDO VALLEY OFFICE. I DON'T KNOW IF THE OTHER  
11 ONE DOES YET. SO I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO GET INTO THE  
12 ALLEGATIONS. I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE DONE THEMSELVES ANY GOOD  
13 BY SAYING IT'S BIASED OR WHATEVER IT IS. I JUST-- I DON'T HAVE  
14 ANY EVIDENCE THAT IT'S BIASED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER BUT I DO  
15 SENSE THAT I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWERS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE SAY  
16 TO A COMMUNITY LIKE THIS IN OUR COUNTY. WHAT IS THE OVERALL--  
17 WHAT IS YOUR OVERALL BUDGET AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, LEROY?  
18 WHERE ARE YOU?

19

20 **LEROY CHASE:** (OFF-MIKE).

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OF YOUR WHOLE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB? OR OF  
23 THIS PROGRAM?

24

25 **LEROY CHASE:** (OFF-MIKE).





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO NEED I SAY MORE? THE IMPLICATIONS  
3 FOR THE AGENCY IS SERIOUS. AND-- LOOK. I'VE GOT TO ASK THE  
4 QUESTION. WHAT CAN WE-- HOW DO WE PUT THIS OVER AND TAKE  
5 ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS? YOU KNOW, I'M TOLD THE DEADLINE IS JULY  
6 31ST. YOU GOT AN EXTENSION FROM THE STATE UNTIL JULY 31ST, IS  
7 THAT CORRECT?

8

9 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR, THAT'S CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO GET ANOTHER EXTENSION?  
12 AND IF WE DID GET AN EXTENSION...

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, COULD WE HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING ON  
15 FRIDAY MORNING? A SET ITEM, ONE ITEM AND RESOLVE IT? THAT  
16 WOULD GIVE US THE TIME TO RATIFY A CORRECTED PROPOSAL.

17

18 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD PROVIDE JUST A BRIEF  
19 CONTEXT FOR THE DEADLINE AND ALSO ADDRESS THE QUESTION ABOUT  
20 WHAT SOME THE OPTIONS ARE. WE HAD EXTENDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
21 RESPOND TO THE R.F.P.S TO PROVIDERS, KNOWING THAT IT WOULD  
22 BUMP US AGAINST THE DEADLINE. ONE OF THE CONCERNS WAS THAT THE  
23 TIME WAS TOO SHORT FOR PROVIDERS. SO THAT WAS ONE OF THE  
24 THINGS THAT WE HAD DONE IN RECOGNITION THAT IT WOULD BUMP US  
25 UP AGAINST THE DEADLINE. WE HAD ASKED FOR AN EXTENSION FROM



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1 THE STATE. THE COUNTY HAS NOT BEEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
2 DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND THE STATE HAD ASKED US TO DO  
3 A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN, WHICH INCLUDED THE R.F.P., TO GET IN  
4 COMPLIANCE WITH THE EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL FUNDS. WE HAD NOT  
5 HISTORICALLY ALLOCATED FUNDS TO EITHER ADOPTION SUPPORT OR TO  
6 TIME LIMITED FAMILY REUNIFICATION, WHICH IS REQUIRED AS PART  
7 OF THE PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES ACT. AND SO THE  
8 STATE'S EXTENSION WAS NOT SIMPLY A BUREAUCRATIC EXTENSION.  
9 THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATE DEADLINE WAS-- THEIR  
10 CONCERN WAS THAT THE STATE WAS OUT OF COMPLIANCE BECAUSE THE  
11 COUNTY WAS OUT OF COMPLIANCE. SO WE HAD ASKED FOR THE  
12 EXTENSION, KNOWING THAT WE WANTED TO GIVE PROVIDERS THE  
13 OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THE PROPOSAL. I THINK THAT THERE ARE  
14 A COUPLE OF OPTIONS. CERTAINLY, THE APPEAL PROCESS IS ONE OF  
15 THOSE OPTIONS BECAUSE SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS SPECIFIC TO  
16 SCORING ARE ELEMENTS THAT CAN BE LOOKED AT AS PART OF THE  
17 APPEAL PROCESS AND THEY ARE PART OF THE APPEAL PROCESS AND  
18 THEY ARE PART OF THE-- EXCUSE ME, THE PROTEST PROCESS THAT IS  
19 IN PLACE RIGHT NOW. CERTAINLY THE-- HAVING A SPECIFIC MEETING  
20 TO LOOK AT THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING WOULD BE A VERY  
21 REASONABLE...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS THE PROTEST PROCESS THAT EXPIRES ON  
24 FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH?

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1    **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR, THAT'S CORRECT.

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3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO, DR. SANDERS, IF YOU WERE AN APPELLANT OR  
4    A PROTESTER, POTENTIAL GRANT RECIPIENT AND THE BOARD OF  
5    SUPERVISORS, ON JULY THE 26TH, VOTED TO APPROVE YOUR  
6    RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRIBUTION OF THESE FUNDS BUT YOU WERE  
7    TOLD, "KEEP PROTESTING BECAUSE YOU HAVE A SHOT AT AUGUST  
8    26TH," WHO DOES THAT PROTEST GO TO? A PANEL OF YOUR FOLKS?

9

10   **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** NO, SUPERVISOR. IT ACTUALLY GOES TO THE  
11   C.A.O. AND THE C.A.O. THEN DETERMINES THE PANEL TO REVIEW.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE C.A.O. PART OF THE COUNTY FAMILY IS  
14   GOING TO-- ONE MIGHT-- IT'S A STACKED DECK. IT LOOKS LIKE A  
15   STACKED DECK. AND, IF THERE WAS A LEGITIMATE PROTEST, IT WOULD  
16   EXPIRE BEFORE WE APPROPRIATED THE FUNDS, NOT AFTERWARDS  
17   BECAUSE WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW? YOU'RE GOING TO GO TO  
18   ALL THESE OTHER AGENCIES THAT ARE GETTING ALL-- THAT HAVE WON  
19   YOUR COMPETITION, YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE THEM THE MONEY. COME  
20   AUGUST 26TH, SUPPOSE THEY REVERSE THE DECISION? NOW YOU'RE  
21   GOING TO GO BACK AND TAKE THE MONEY BACK FROM THE-- YOU'RE NOT  
22   GOING TO DO THAT AND IT WOULD BE SILLY AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE  
23   TO DO THAT. SO-- GO AHEAD.

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1 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** VERY CLEARLY, SUPERVISOR, IF WE DO NOT--  
2 IF, IN THE APPEAL PROCESS OR IN THE PROTEST PROCESS, THERE IS  
3 A DECISION THAT AN AGENCY DID NOT GET THE APPROPRIATE SCORE,  
4 WE WOULD NEED TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES TO SUPPORT THE FUNDING  
5 OF THAT AGENCY.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WHEN DO I GET TO LOOK AND SEE IF THERE  
8 WAS AN APPROPRIATE SCORE, SINCE I'M BEING ASKED TO VOTE ON IT?

9

10 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** THERE ARE ACTUALLY A COUPLE OTHER THINGS  
11 THAT I WOULD MENTION. ONE CERTAINLY, THEN, IS THE MEETING,  
12 THAT THERE BE A SPECIAL MEETING TO LOOK SPECIFICALLY AT SOME  
13 OF THE ELEMENTS OF SCORING AND THE BOARD HAS THE AUTHORITY TO  
14 ALLOCATE THE FUNDING. THESE ARE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE'RE  
15 MAKING. THE OTHER PIECE IS THAT WE HAVE WELCOMED SUPERVISOR  
16 KNABE'S MOTION CERTAINLY TO LOOK AT ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT  
17 MIGHT HELP TO SUPPORT SOME OF THE HOLES THAT STILL EXIST IN  
18 THE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF...

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'VE READ SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION AND I  
21 SUPPORT SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION IN THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT'S  
22 MADE BUT IT'S VERY VAGUE AND IT LEAVES A LOT TO YOUR  
23 DISCRETION, YOUR DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION AND I'M NOT SURE HOW  
24 IT ADDRESSES MY VERY ADMITTEDLY PAROCHIAL CONCERN AND YOU  
25 CAN'T TELL ME THAT RIGHT NOW. SO I'M BUYING A PIG IN A POKE IN



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1    THAT MOTION IF I'M ALSO SUPPORTING YOUR ULTIMATE  
2    RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE THE-- ONCE THAT'S DONE, ONCE WE APPROVE  
3    YOUR RECOMMENDATION, THE ODDS OF IT BEING REVERSED ARE SLIM TO  
4    NONE AND IT WILL ONLY BE TINKERED WITH AROUND THE EDGES AND  
5    THAT'S ALL THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION CAN HOPE TO  
6    ACCOMPLISH BECAUSE THE BULK OF THE MONEY WILL HAVE BEEN  
7    PRESCRIBED FOR AGENCIES THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY SELECTED OR  
8    RECOMMENDED FOR SELECTION. SO THAT'S-- THAT'S MY PROBLEM, AND,  
9    SINCE THERE'S SO MUCH AT STAKE FOR THIS COMMUNITY, THIS ONE  
10    COMMUNITY AND IT'S ALL SELF-CONTAINED, THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO  
11    WITH THE REST OF THE COUNTY, AS FAR AS I KNOW, THIS IS A SAN  
12    FERNANDO VALLEY-- MORE OR LESS SAN FERNANDO VALLEY ISSUE, AM I  
13    CORRECT, THIS GEOGRAPHIC ISSUE IS ALL WITHIN THE SAN FERNANDO  
14    VALLEY, RIGHT?

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16    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YEAH, BUT IT'S OPERATED UNDER A SPA,  
17    RIGHT?

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19    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, IT'S SIMILAR TO A SPA, I THINK. I  
20    DON'T THINK IT'S CALLED IT BUT...

21

22    **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** FOR FAMILY PRESERVATION, WE ALLOCATED BY  
23    THE OFFICE BOUNDARIES. SO THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD OFFICE SERVES  
24    THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SO...

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ELSE DOES IT SERVE? DOES IT SERVE...

2

3    **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** IT SERVES...

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5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY?

6

7    **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** YES.

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9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE ME SOME HELP AS TO  
10    WHAT CAN-- WHAT MY OPTIONS ARE BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE  
11    TO DO THIS TODAY. AND, YOU KNOW, I'M SORRY. I HATE BEING PUT  
12    IN THIS POSITION AND...

13

14    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO  
15    DO FOR THE ONE THAT SCORED NUMBER 4?

16

17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY IDEAS BECAUSE I HARDLY HAVE  
18    ANY INFORMATION. I HONESTLY DON'T.

19

20    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO  
21    GET YOUR INFORMATION. MS. BURKE, YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON THIS  
22    RIGHT NOW?

23

24    **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS WHERE,  
25    TRADITIONALLY, I MEAN, IN PAST YEARS, MOST OF THESE FUNDS WERE





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1 IN SMALL AREAS OF-- AND MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE PROVIDERS  
2 WERE IN-- CAME FROM THOSE AREAS. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THERE  
3 WERE 200 PEOPLE-- OR 200 APPLICANTS FOR THESE FUNDS, IS THAT  
4 CORRECT?

5

6 **HANK WELLS:** THERE WERE ACTUALLY 70 AGENCIES THAT SUBMITTED 224  
7 PROPOSALS.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** THERE WERE 224 PROPOSALS. SO THE COMPETITION WAS  
10 QUITE DIFFERENT. AND WE LOST-- IN OUR DISTRICT, WE LOST SOME  
11 FUNDS. AT THE SAME TIME, I HAVE SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO  
12 RECEIVED FUNDS WERE VERY UPSET THAT THEY WERE MAKING  
13 ALLOCATIONS TO ADD THE 350,000 TO PACOIMA AND TO SOME OF THE  
14 AREAS IN SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN MY DISTRICT WHO GOT THE 350,000  
15 THAT WAS ADDED ON. AND SO THERE WERE ISSUES BEING RAISED BY  
16 SOME OF THOSE WHO GOT THE ORIGINAL GRANT. WHERE DID THAT MONEY  
17 COME FROM AND HOW DID YOU CHANGE THAT OVER AND MAKE THOSE  
18 ALLOCATIONS? BUT I THINK THAT, AS WE DID THE LAST TIME THIS  
19 R.F.P. CAME UP, WHICH, OF COURSE, EVERYBODY WAS STILL UPSET  
20 AND IT WAS REALLY VERY DIFFICULT AND A LOT OF OBJECTION, THE  
21 ONLY THING THAT I CAN SUGGEST IS THAT SOME OF THOSE AGENCIES  
22 THAT RECEIVED MUCH MORE MONEY THAN THEY HAD RECEIVED IN THE  
23 PAST, IF THEY COULD-- SOMETHING COULD BE WORKED OUT FOR THEM  
24 TO SHARE SOME OF THEIR-- THE FUNDS THAT THEY RECEIVE WITHIN  
25 THAT AREA AND TO PROVIDE PROGRAM. AND I KNOW THIS DOESN'T



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1 SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF IF YOU CAME DOWN FROM 900,000 TO 350,000.  
2 BUT THERE WERE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO APPLIED. IT'S A TOTALLY  
3 DIFFERENT GAME. AND YOU HAVE-- WHATEVER YOU GIVE TO SOMEONE  
4 ELSE, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE FROM SOMEONE, UNLESS YOU  
5 LOOK AT IT THE WAY KNABE HAS SAID. LET'S SEE WHAT FUNDS CAN BE  
6 IDENTIFIED TO SUPPLEMENT SOME OF THOSE PROVIDERS WHO HAVE LOST  
7 MONEY AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PROBABLY ELIMINATE PROGRAM IN  
8 SOME INSTANCES AND, IN SOME INSTANCES, TERMINATE STAFF. AND I  
9 THINK THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT. I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING  
10 TO BE POSSIBLE TO GO BACK AND TAKE MONEY AWAY FROM SOME OF THE  
11 OTHER PROVIDERS TO GIVE IT TO SOMEONE THAT WE THINK HAS DONE A  
12 GOOD JOB BECAUSE MOST OF THESE PROVIDERS HAVE DONE AN  
13 EXCELLENT JOB. THEY'VE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB. WE HAVE SOME NEW  
14 PROVIDERS HERE THAT WE DON'T KNOW, THAT'S TRUE OR PROVIDERS  
15 WHO ARE MOVING INTO DIFFERENT AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN GOOD IN  
16 THEIR AREA AND SOME OF THEM ARE COMPLAINING BECAUSE THEY SAID,  
17 "WE'VE BEEN GOOD IN THIS AREA OVER HERE, SO YOU SHOULD HAVE  
18 GIVEN US OVER IN THE OTHER AREA." SO THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT  
19 THING BUT THE ONLY THING I CAN SUGGEST IS WE TRY TO IDENTIFY  
20 ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR SOME OF THAT PROGRAM THAT,  
21 HISTORICALLY, HAS BEEN PROVIDED, THAT WE DO EVERYTHING TO TRY  
22 TO GET PROVIDERS TO WORK TOGETHER. I KNOW THAT, WHEN WE HAD  
23 THIS BEFORE, WE WERE ABLE TO DO THAT. THERE WERE SOME OF THE  
24 PROVIDERS WHO GOT SO MUCH MONEY THEY COULDN'T POSSIBLY EXPAND  
25 THEIR PROGRAM TO THE LEVEL THAT THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED



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1 TO IN THE TIME THAT WAS NECESSARY AND THIS IDEA OF THE OFFICE  
2 IS ONE THING, BUT WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IS GETTING THE STAFF  
3 AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE TO BE ABLE TO  
4 PROVIDE SERVICE. SO THAT I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOUR OFFICE TO TRY  
5 TO WORK WITH SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO GOT MORE MONEY THIS TIME  
6 AND WHO MAY NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO MOVE INTO AREAS WHERE  
7 THEY WERE GRANTED. BECAUSE I-- FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, I THINK  
8 WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING. I'M PREPARED TO VOTE. I KNOW THAT  
9 I-- THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE THAT SHOULD GET MONEY, REVEREND  
10 HIGGINS, YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT, YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR ALL THESE  
11 YEARS, FOR 12 YEARS, YOU'VE BEEN PROVIDING EXCELLENT SERVICE,  
12 WE'VE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF YOU. WE WISH THAT YOU COULD HAVE  
13 GOTTEN MUCH MORE. I THINK THE ISSUE THAT'S BEEN RAISED, AS FAR  
14 AS THE EVALUATORS, IS SOMETHING THAT, IN FUTURE YEARS, I'D  
15 LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT, IN FACT, THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO  
16 WERE FROM D.S.F. THAT WERE PART OF THE EVALUATION TEAM AND  
17 THAT THAT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. I THINK THAT PEOPLE  
18 WILL FEEL BETTER IF YOU DON'T HAVE PEOPLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT  
19 INVOLVED AT ALL IN TERMS OF EVALUATION, YOU HAVE A TOTALLY  
20 INDEPENDENT EVALUATOR. AND CERTAINLY I THINK THERE ARE ISSUES  
21 THAT CAN BE RAISED IF, IN FACT, SOMEONE WHO PREVIOUSLY WORKED,  
22 EVEN THOUGH I GUESS THEY LEFT, WHAT, HOW MANY YEARS AGO? EIGHT  
23 YEARS AGO? EIGHT YEARS AGO, SOMEONE WHO WORKED EIGHT YEARS AGO  
24 CAME BACK AND PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO SOMEONE IN TERMS OF THEIR  
25 R.F.P. THAT GETS TO BE VERY TENUOUS. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN



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1 SAY NO ONE CAN USE SOMEONE WHO PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR D.S.F.  
2 FIVE, SIX, SEVEN YEARS AGO. I GUESS THAT'S SOMETHING I JUST  
3 DON'T KNOW HOW YOU WORK WITH THAT. THE COUNTY COUNSEL MAY BE  
4 ABLE TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS THAT PEOPLE HAVE FOR THAT. BUT I  
5 DO URGE THAT WE TRY TO FIND MORE MONEY TO PROVIDE FOR SOME OF  
6 THESE PROGRAMS WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB AND WE  
7 WANT THEM TO CONTINUE.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. DR SANDERS, THIS IS A SITUATION  
10 IN WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY, WE'RE UNDER THE GUN. I MEAN, IT'S NOT  
11 A TIME FRAME THAT IS THE BEST OF SITUATIONS BUT IT'S OUR  
12 REALITY. I DON'T THINK THAT-- AND I DON'T KNOW, I MEAN,  
13 WHETHER THERE'S AN EXTENSION AVAILABLE OR SO ON BUT I'M  
14 EQUALLY AS CONCERNED ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT DID SCORE  
15 WELL AND THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDING SERVICES AND THAT THEY DID  
16 GET THE ALLOCATION. IS THERE SOMETHING IN THIS PROCESS, THERE  
17 HAVE BEEN INCONSISTENCIES THAT HAVE BEEN POINTED OUT AND THERE  
18 ARE ALLEGATIONS OF UNFAIRNESS BECAUSE SOMEBODY WORKED THERE SO  
19 MANY YEARS AGO, I DON'T KNOW THAT, BUT, BY THE STANDARDS OF  
20 THE R.F.P. AS IT WAS PUT OUT BY THE EVALUATION AS IT WAS DONE,  
21 IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WOULD COMPROMISE THE INTEGRITY OF A  
22 DECISION THAT-- OVER A RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU PUT FORTH TO  
23 US?

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1 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I BELIEVE THAT THE  
2 PROCESS WAS A FAIR PROCESS AND THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF  
3 CONSIDERATIONS. IT WAS A VERY COMPLEX R.F.P. AS WE MENTIONED,  
4 THERE WERE OVER 220 PROPOSALS. IT WAS VERY COMPLEX BUT I  
5 BELIEVE IT WAS A FAIR PROCESS. WE ALSO, AS-- I THINK IT IS  
6 VERY APPROPRIATE, HAVE THE COUNTY PROTEST POLICY TO ASSURE  
7 THAT, IF THERE WERE INEQUITIES, THAT THEY CAN BE DISCOVERED AT  
8 A LEVEL OUTSIDE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BECAUSE I HAD AGENCIES THAT I HAD ON--  
11 THAT I SAW ON THE LIST THAT ARE SOME OF MY VERY FAVORITES THAT  
12 DIDN'T SCORE AS HIGH AS THEY SHOULD HAVE BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE  
13 TO RELY ON A PROCESS THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO TRUST AND, UNLESS  
14 THERE WAS ANY REASON THAT THIS WAS ANY KIND OF COMPROMISE OR  
15 VIOLATION OR THINGS OF THAT SORT, I AM CONCERNED. THE AGENCIES  
16 IN MY SERVICE AREA, AGAIN, THERE'S SOME THAT PROBABLY SHOULD  
17 HAVE SCORED HIGHER AS I KNOW THEM BUT I WASN'T PART OF THE  
18 R.F.P. PROCESS, I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS AND I DON'T KNOW  
19 WHO THEY WERE COMPETING WITH BUT I DO KNOW THAT, ONCE YOU  
20 START SORTING THIS OUT IN SOME FASHION, OTHER THAN PADDING THE  
21 ENTIRE AMOUNT WITH MORE MONEY, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO IT.  
22 BECAUSE, AND THE ONE QUESTION THAT IS BEING RAISED HERE, IN  
23 ORDER TO REACH DOWN TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SAN FERNANDO  
24 VALLEY, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE INSTITUTE FOR  
25 MULTICULTURAL AND COUNSELING AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, WHICH



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1 I'M SURE THAT, IF THEY'RE HERE, WILL PROBABLY RAISE THE SAME  
2 PROTEST ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS THAT THEY'VE GOT. SO IT'S  
3 A REAL HORNET'S NEST FROM THE STANDPOINT OF TRYING TO MAKE  
4 THESE ADJUSTMENTS. AND SO, CONSEQUENTLY, IT'S TRUE THAT THIS  
5 IS NOT THE BEST OF TIMING BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT, YOU  
6 KNOW, DON KNABE HAD ASKED FOR AN EXTENSION TO ALLOW THE  
7 ORGANIZATIONS TO HAVE MORE TIME. WE, AS A BOARD, ALL APPROVED  
8 IT, AND WE HAVE ALL BEEN TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO DO IT. THE  
9 ONLY REMEDY HERE, I THINK AT THIS POINT IN TIME, IS TO PAD THE  
10 BUDGET WITH MORE MONEY AND-- IF WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND SORT IT  
11 OUT, BECAUSE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO REALLOCATE, I KNOW  
12 I'D HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT BECAUSE THERE ARE ORGANIZATIONS  
13 WITHIN MY AREA THAT DO DESERVE MORE MONEY AND SHOULD GET MORE  
14 MONEY BUT I ALSO DON'T WANT TO TAKE AWAY MONEY FROM  
15 ORGANIZATIONS THAT DID SCORE THROUGH A PROCESS THAT WAS  
16 COMPETITIVE AND TOUGH AND THAT PEOPLE WERE TRYING TO MAKE  
17 THEIR WAY THROUGH. THEY PROVIDE GOOD SERVICES AS WELL, SOME  
18 THAT I'M NOT AS FAMILIAR WITH BUT ARE GOING TO BE DOING IT AND  
19 I HAVE ASSURANCES FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO  
20 CARRY OUT THIS WORK, WHICH IS REALLY WHAT IT'S ABOUT. IT'S  
21 ABOUT CARRYING OUT THE WORK, MAKING IT WORK EFFECTIVELY FOR  
22 THE COMMUNITIES, THE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND, UNLESS SOMEBODY HAS A  
23 MOTION THAT TELLS US THERE'S MORE MONEY THAT'S COMING, I  
24 DON'T...

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION?

2

3    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** JUST A SECOND. I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE  
4    GOING TO FIND A RESOLUTION AND HAVING A SPECIAL MEETING IS  
5    ONLY GOING TO CREATE ALL OF THE AGENCIES THAT WERE FUNDED TO  
6    COME AND JOIN US AND TELL US WHAT THE PROCESS WAS AND SO I  
7    THINK YOU'RE REALLY CREATING A VERY DIFFICULT AND-- SITUATION  
8    AND I THINK, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, UNLESS SOMEBODY CAN TELL  
9    US THAT THERE WAS SOME KIND OF A COMPROMISE OF THE INTEGRITY  
10   AND THE QUALITY OF THIS EVALUATION PROCESS, I THINK  
11   UNFORTUNATELY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD. DOESN'T  
12   MAKE ME COMPLETELY HAPPY, EITHER, BECAUSE OF SOME OF MY  
13   FAVORITES WERE NOT ON THE LIST, GROUPS THAT I KNOW, PEOPLE  
14   THAT HAVE DONE THIS WORK VERY, VERY WELL IN THE PAST. BUT THE  
15   REALITY IS THAT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO RELY ON THE DEPARTMENT TO  
16   TELL ME THAT THEY MADE THE BEST RECOMMENDATION POSSIBLE WITHIN  
17   THE FRAMEWORK OF THE R.F.P. AS IT WAS PUT OUT. SO I'M PREPARED  
18   TO VOTE, IF NEED BE. MR. ANTONOVICH.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE WAS, I BELIEVE, 120, 123-POINT  
21   DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PACOIMA AND THE ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVED  
22   THE CONTRACT, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH. WHAT TYPE OF  
23   PROGRAMS WOULD THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH GROUP  
24   HAVE THAT WOULD BE COMPARABLE TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF  
25   PACOIMA?



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2 **HANK WELLS:** I'M SORRY. I DON'T HAVE THAT LEVEL OF DETAILED  
3 INFORMATION. THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE RESEARCHED THROUGH THE--  
4 SPECIFICALLY, IN LOOKING AT EACH OF THE PROGRAM PROPOSALS THAT  
5 WERE SUBMITTED IN FAMILY-- FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES. THERE  
6 IS A STANDARD CORE NUMBER OF SERVICES THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR  
7 FAMILY PRESERVATION, INCLUDING VISITATION, COUNSELING  
8 SERVICES, PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AS NEEDED.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE IS THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MENTAL  
11 HEALTH ORGANIZATION LOCATED? THEY'RE IN VAN NUYS?

12

13 **HANK WELLS:** THE-- I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE SET UP IN  
14 THIS PARTICULAR R.F.P. WAS A ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE  
15 BOUNDARIES BY D.C.F.S. OFFICES AND EACH PROPOSAL HAS A  
16 COMMITMENT, EACH AGENCY, WHEN IT SUBMITS A PROPOSAL, IS  
17 COMMITTED TO SERVE THE ENTIRE AREA. SO IT ISN'T AS THOUGH A  
18 SPECIFIC AGENCY CAN PICK AND CHOOSE WITHIN THE-- FOR INSTANCE,  
19 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, D.C.F.S. AREA, WHAT AREA IT WANTS TO SERVE.  
20 IT MUST BE AVAILABLE TO ALL OF THE RESIDENTS AND SERVICE  
21 FAMILIES OF THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD BOUNDARIES FOR D.C.F.S. NORTH  
22 HOLLYWOOD OFFICE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. HOW DO WE WISH TO PROCEED? MR.  
2   YAROSLAVSKY.

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4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, AN ALLEGATION WAS MADE THAT DOCUMENTS  
5   WERE SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE BY OTHER AGENCIES. ARE YOU  
6   AWARE OF THAT? HAS THAT BEEN BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION? DID  
7   YOU HEAR MR. CHASE'S...

8

9   **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** YES, I HEARD THAT ALLEGATION AND IT'S-- THE  
10   DEPARTMENT REVIEWED ALL PROPOSALS AS THEY CAME IN AND  
11   IDENTIFIED DOCUMENTS THAT WERE-- EACH PROPOSER HAD THAT WERE  
12   DEFICIENT. IT SENT OUT NOTICE TO ALL OF THE PROPOSERS WHO HAD  
13   A-- EITHER MISSING OR INCOMPLETE DOCUMENTS. NONE OF THOSE  
14   DOCUMENTS THAT CAME BACK WERE UTILIZED IN THE EVALUATION  
15   PROCESS. WHAT WAS UTILIZED IN THE EVALUATION PROCESS ONLY IS  
16   WHAT WAS SUBMITTED AND CAME TO THE OFFICE EFFECTIVE ON MAY  
17   20TH AT 12:00.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO SOMEBODY WHO DIDN'T SUBMIT A DOCUMENT  
20   THAT WAS REQUIRED AS PART OF THE R.F.P. AND MISSED THE  
21   DEADLINE WAS GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT THAT DOCUMENT  
22   AFTER THE DEADLINE?

23

24   **HANK WELLS:** YES.

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. AND IF THEY HADN'T SUBMITTED THAT  
2   DOCUMENT, WOULD THEY HAVE BEEN AT A DISTINCT DISADVANTAGE?  
3   WOULD THEY HAVE SCORED LESS THAN THEY OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE  
4   SCORED?

5

6   **HANK WELLS:** IT'S POSSIBLE, YES.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I WOULD THINK SO, OTHERWISE YOU  
9   WOULDN'T HAVE SENT OUT A LETTER, WOULD YOU?

10

11   **HANK WELLS:** CORRECT.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF IT WAS IRRELEVANT, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE SENT  
14   OUT A LETTER.

15

16   **HANK WELLS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT, IN FACT, WHAT YOU SAID A MINUTE AGO  
19   IS NOT TRUE, THAT THIS DID HAVE A CONSEQUENTIAL SUBSTANTIVE  
20   EFFECT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE RESULT BECAUSE IF AGENCY "A" AND  
21   AGENCY "B" ARE EQUAL AND AGENCY "A" FAILS TO SUBMIT A  
22   DOCUMENT, AND FAILURE TO SUBMIT THAT DOCUMENT WOULD HAVE  
23   KNOCKED THEM DOWN A HUNDRED OR A THOUSAND POINTS OR HAD  
24   DISQUALIFIED THEM COMPLETELY, BUT THEN THEY'RE GIVEN AN  
25   OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT IT AFTER THE DEADLINE, THEY GET TO GO



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1 BACK UP AND BE EQUAL TO AGENCY "B". AND SO, MR. CHASE MAY BE  
2 CORRECT IN HIS PERCEPTION THAT-- NOW, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT, IF  
3 THEY HADN'T HAVE SUBMITTED A DOCUMENT, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN  
4 GIVEN THE SAME OPPORTUNITY AND PERHAPS THEY DIDN'T SUBMIT A  
5 DOCUMENT AND THEY WERE GIVEN THE SAME OPPORTUNITY. BUT, YOU  
6 KNOW, WHY SHOULDN'T SOMEBODY WHO DOES-- WHO FOLLOWS  
7 INSTRUCTIONS NOT GET CREDIT FOR IT AND SOMEBODY WHO DOESN'T  
8 FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS NOT GET PENALIZED FOR IT?

9

10 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** THEY DID. THEY DID. LET ME EXPLAIN  
11 SOMETHING. WE RECEIVED 220-- 224 PROPOSALS. EACH OF THOSE 224  
12 PROPOSALS HAD A DEFICIENCY. HAD WE WANTED TO STAND FIRM  
13 GROUND, EVERY ONE OF THEM WOULD HAVE BEEN-- HAD SOME LEVEL OF  
14 INADEQUACY IN MEETING EVERY SINGLE DOCUMENTARY ISSUE. WHAT WE  
15 THOUGHT FAIR TO DO WAS WE TAKE THE DOCUMENT, AS WAS SUBMITTED  
16 ON MAY 20TH. THAT IS WHAT GOES TO THE EVALUATORS. IT DOESN'T  
17 MEAN THAT THE DOCUMENTS THAT WERE SUBMITTED LATER WEREN'T  
18 IMPORTANT, THEY CERTAINLY WERE, BUT THEY WERE NOT-- AN AGENCY  
19 DIDN'T BENEFIT BY SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS LATE TO THE DEPARTMENT.  
20 IT WAS NECESSARY TO HAVE SOME OF THOSE DOCUMENTS AND THEY  
21 COULD INCLUDE FOR INSTANCE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS SUCH AS  
22 INSURANCE AND DISCLOSURES OF SOME FINANCE INFORMATION BUT  
23 THOSE WOULDN'T PLAY INTO NECESSARILY THE EVALUATIVE PORTIONS  
24 INVOLVING THE PROPOSAL NARRATIVE AND THE...

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND BUT THESE WERE DOCUMENTS THAT  
2    WERE REQUIRED AHEAD OF TIME.

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4    **HANK WELLS:** YES.

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOW, ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE SAN FERNANDO  
7    VALLEY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, AS WELL, DIDN'T HAVE CERTAIN  
8    DOCUMENTS AND THEY WERE GIVEN EXTRA TIME TO SUBMIT THOSE  
9    DOCUMENTS?

10

11   **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** I BELIEVE SO. I WILL HAVE TO REVIEW THEIR  
12   SPECIFIC RECORDS TO THAT EFFECT.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT KIND OF TIME, MR.-- DR. SANDERS, HOW  
15   LONG WOULD IT TAKE YOU TO MAKE SOME KIND OF-- MR. KNABE'S  
16   MOTION GIVES YOU 60 DAYS. IF THIS MOTION-- IF THIS PROPOSAL  
17   WERE APPROVED AND THE MOTION WERE APPROVED ALONG WITH IT, AN  
18   ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BEEN DE-FUNDED, ESSENTIALLY, AND THIS  
19   WOULD BE EFFECTIVE WHEN, AUGUST 1ST?

20

21   **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** AUGUST 1ST, YES.

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'D HAVE TO LAY OFF ALL THEIR PEOPLE OR  
24   WHATEVER, YOU KNOW, THEY'D HAVE TO DECOMMISSION WHATEVER THE  
25   FUNDING WAS PAYING FOR, CORRECT, AS OF AUGUST 1ST?





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2 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** YES, UNLESS THERE ARE OTHER SOURCES OF  
3 FUNDING, YES.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN FIND, IF THERE ARE  
6 OTHER SOURCES OF FINDING, THAT YOU COULD FIND THOSE BETWEEN  
7 NOW AND AUGUST 1ST? DOESN'T SEEM LIKELY TO ME. HOW LONG--  
8 WHAT'S A REASONABLE TIME-- WHAT'S THE SHORTEST AMOUNT OF TIME  
9 YOU THINK YOU COULD ADEQUATELY DO AN ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER  
10 THERE IS ANY MONEY AND HOW MUCH THERE IS TO ADDRESS ANY NUMBER  
11 OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED HERE TODAY?

12

13 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WHAT I WOULD BE  
14 ABLE TO DO IS, BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, SO BY AUGUST 1ST,  
15 SEND SOME INFORMATION TO THE BOARD ABOUT SOME POSSIBILITIES  
16 WITH A TIME LINE AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE COULD ACTUALLY  
17 HAVE A TIME LINE, MAYBE NOT IDENTIFYING EVERY ADDITIONAL  
18 FUNDING SOURCE BUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES BY THE MIDDLE OF  
19 AUGUST, THAT WE WOULD HAVE A RECOMMENDATION, AN INITIAL  
20 RECOMMENDATION OF SOME POSSIBILITIES. BEYOND THAT, WE MIGHT  
21 WANT TO LOOK AT ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITIES BEYOND THAT BUT WE  
22 COULD HAVE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD WITHIN THE NEXT  
23 THREE WEEKS.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO, IN THE MEANTIME, THE SAN FERNANDO BOYS  
2   AND GIRLS CLUB, SINCE THAT'S THE ONE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT,  
3   WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO CUT THEIR SPENDING AS OF THE 1ST OF  
4   AUGUST AND THEN WAIT AND SEE WHAT YOU COME UP WITH BY THE  
5   MIDDLE OF AUGUST, IF THERE IS ANYTHING, AND IT GOES FOR ANY  
6   OTHER AGENCY, AS WELL, THAT MIGHT FIND ITSELF IN THE SAME  
7   PREDICAMENT?

8

9   **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YES, I WOULD SAY  
10   THAT'S CORRECT.

11

12   **SUP. BURKE:** THERE ARE ABOUT HOW MANY AGENCIES THAT ARE IN THAT  
13   SITUATION?

14

15   **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, THERE WERE TWO  
16   AGENCIES...

17

18   **SUP. BURKE:** IN MY DISTRICT WHO WERE DE-FUNDED?

19

20   **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** ACTUALLY, THERE WERE TWO THAT DID NOT  
21   RECEIVE FUNDING: CALIFORNIA HOSPITALS AND JOINT EFFORTS, WHICH  
22   DIDN'T APPLY DIRECTLY FOR THE PROPOSAL IN FAMILY PRESERVATION.  
23   THERE WERE A NUMBER OF AGENCIES, AND I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER  
24   OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, THAT RECEIVED MORE FUNDING PREVIOUSLY  
25   FOR FAMILY PRESERVATION AND RECEIVED A REDUCTION IN FUNDING



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1 THROUGH THIS PROCESS AND THERE WERE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED  
2 MORE FUNDING OR NEW AGENCIES THAT WERE FUNDED.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT I DO KNOW THAT THERE WERE TWO, AT LEAST, IN MY  
5 DISTRICT WHO DID NOT GET ANY AMOUNT. NOW, I KNOW THAT ONE GOT  
6 THE ADDITIONAL 350,000. BOTH GOT THE ADDITIONAL 350. OKAY. SO  
7 WE HAVE TWO IN OUR DISTRICT THAT WOULD BE IN THIS CATEGORY AS  
8 THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M GOING TO SUGGEST SOMETHING.  
11 AND I WANT TO KNOW, MR. ANTONOVICH, SINCE YOU'VE RAISED SOME  
12 OF THESE ISSUES, I WANT TO BE ON THE SAME PAGE WITH YOU AS  
13 WELL ON THIS. WE SHARE SOME OF THE SAME REAL ESTATE UP THERE,  
14 SO THIS IS NOT JUST MY ISSUE. WHEN IS OUR MIDDLE OF MARCH--  
15 MIDDLE OF AUGUST MEETING? WE HAVE AN AUGUST 2ND AND AN AUGUST  
16 9TH. CAN YOU GET A RECOMMENDATION BACK OR A REPORT BACK TO THE  
17 BOARD TO BE SCHEDULED BEFORE THE BOARD, NOT A WRITTEN REPORT  
18 BUT ONE THAT WOULD BE FOR OUR CONSIDERATION? I KNOW WE HAVE  
19 OTHER ISSUES BUT MAYBE THIS CAN BE RESOLVED. I THINK EVERYBODY  
20 IN QUESTION, IF I CAN JUST TAKE A SECOND, NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND  
21 YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE SATISFIED NO MATTER WHAT  
22 HAPPENS, JUST WITH THAT EXPERIENCE, SO YOU SHOULDN'T SET YOUR  
23 SIGHTS ON GETTING-- IF YOU GET ANYTHING OUT OF THIS PROCESS,  
24 IT'S NOT GOING TO BE BACK TO A HUNDRED PERCENT. SO I JUST WANT  
25 TO LOWER EVERYBODY'S EXPECTATIONS BUT WHATEVER CAN BE-- IF



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1 ANYTHING CAN BE DONE, I DON'T KNOW THAT IT CAN, BY THE 16TH OF  
2 AUGUST, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HAVE US A REPORT?

3

4 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHETHER IT'S POSSIBLE OR NOT POSSIBLE AND,  
7 IF IT IS POSSIBLE, HOW?

8

9 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** YES.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN WHAT I'M GOING TO DO IS AMEND MR.  
12 KNABE'S MOTION FROM 60 DAYS TO AUGUST 16TH AND THEN GO AHEAD  
13 AND-- MIKE, IS THAT...

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, REPORT BACK ON AGENCIES' PROGRESS AND  
16 IMPLEMENTATION CONTRACTS AFTER AUGUST 1ST.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE AND WE CAN GO AHEAD AND APPROVE  
19 THIS SO THAT WE DON'T TOTALLY DISRUPT THE WHOLE COUNTY ON  
20 THIS. THIS ISN'T ABOUT FAVORITE AGENCIES. I DON'T HAVE  
21 FAVORITE AGENCIES, AND I DON'T THINK MOST OF US DO. THIS IS  
22 ABOUT A HOLE THAT I'M VERY CONCERNED. I FIGHT LIKE CRAZY TO  
23 GO-- TO GET CAPACITY BUILT UP IN COMMUNITIES THAT DON'T HAVE  
24 IT AND, UNLESS SOMEBODY IS CORRUPT, AN AGENCY IS CORRUPT, NOT  
25 DOING THEIR JOB RIGHT, I TRY TO HELP THESE-- MAINTAIN THE



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1 CAPACITY, BECAUSE IT HAS OTHER-- IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THIS  
2 PROGRAM. IT'S ABOUT A HOLE THAT IS BIGGER THAN THE SUM OF ITS  
3 PARTS IN A COMMUNITY LIKE THAT, AND EVERY ONE OF US HAS  
4 COMMUNITIES LIKE THAT. SO IT'S ONE WHICH SENDS MY ANTENNAS UP  
5 WHEN THIS KIND OF THING HAPPENS AND I UNDERSTAND THE R.F.P.  
6 PROCESS, I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND IT AND I HATE TO BE IN THIS  
7 SITUATION BUT THIS ONE JUST SENDS MY ANTENNAS UP. SO I'M  
8 ASKING THAT YOU MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT AND TELL US WHAT-- NOT  
9 JUST FOR THIS BUT FOR ALL THE OTHER ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN  
10 RAISED AND WE'LL DO OUR BEST AND THEN WE'LL TAKE IT FROM  
11 THERE. BUT, IN THE FUTURE, I HOPE WE DON'T HAVE SOMETHING LIKE  
12 THIS DROP ON OUR DESK AND SAY YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MORE TIME. I  
13 CAN'T-- MS. MOLINA IS RIGHT, LOOK AT THE LIST. WELL, I WISH I  
14 HAD TIME TO LOOK AT THE LIST AND OTHER THINGS THAT I WOULD  
15 HAVE LIKED TO HAVE LOOKED AT. BUT, ANYWAY, THAT WILL BE-- IS  
16 THAT OKAY WITH YOU, MIKE?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY CONCERN IS THAT AREA IS A UNIQUE AREA  
19 WHERE YOU HAVE STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND, YOU KNOW, THE  
20 YOUNG CHILDREN IN THOSE AREAS HAVE USED THE BOYS AND GIRLS  
21 CLUB EXTENSIVELY FOR AFTER-SCHOOL AND OTHER PROGRAMS AND, YOU  
22 KNOW, THERE ARE GOING TO BE REDUCTIONS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT,  
23 BUT HERE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT A 70% REDUCTION, FROM ONE PLUS  
24 MILLION TO 350,000, WHICH HAS A DIRECT IMPACT ON THEIR ABILITY  
25 TO KEEP THEIR DOORS OPEN AND WE HAVE TO BE SENSITIVE TO THAT.



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1 THAT'S MY CONCERN. HOW DO YOU-- WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION,  
2 DAVID? HOW DO WE MEET THIS-- YOU KNOW, THEY LOST BY 120-- 23  
3 POINTS.

4

5 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE-- THERE MAY BE  
6 SOME OPPORTUNITIES AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN TAKE A  
7 LOOK AT IN COMING BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT-- BECAUSE  
8 I'M HEARING A LOT OF CONCERN ABOUT SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES AND  
9 PERHAPS WE CAN TAKE A LOOK AT THE REFERRAL PATTERNS FROM  
10 CERTAIN COMMUNITIES AND TARGET RESOURCES TO THOSE COMMUNITIES.  
11 THAT MIGHT BE A POSSIBILITY TO GET AT SOME OF THE ISSUES  
12 BECAUSE THOSE COMMUNITIES EXIST ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE FOCUSED  
13 ON THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE OFFICES BUT MAYBE, WITHIN  
14 THOSE OFFICES, THERE ARE SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES, AND CERTAINLY  
15 PACOIMA IS ONE OF THE LARGEST REFERRAL SOURCES FOR OUR NORTH  
16 HOLLYWOOD OFFICE. AND THAT EXISTS ACROSS THE COUNTY.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE IS-- THE ABILITY TO HAVE SOME TYPE  
19 OF HELP, WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH BUT THERE IS THE ABILITY TO  
20 HAVE SOME TYPE OF A LIFELINE THAT WE'LL HAVE BEFORE US AT THE  
21 AUGUST, WHAT, 9TH MEETING OR 16TH MEETING?

22

23 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** AUGUST 16TH.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AT THE AUGUST 16TH MEETING?





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2 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** YES.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES?

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6 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** YES.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING, THEN, I WOULD  
9 MOVE FORWARD.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO WE HAVE A RECOMMENDATION AND  
12 A MOTION AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, AS AMENDED BY  
13 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTION OR  
14 COMMENT? ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THE ITEM.

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** JUST FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE RECORD,  
17 WE'RE SPEAKING OF ALSO AGENDA 23? WE'RE...

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S CORRECT, BOTH ITEMS.

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND MADAM CHAIR, I DIDN'T GET THE SECOND.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WAS THAT?

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3    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT WAS MOVED BY YOURSELF, SECONDED BY...

4    ALL RIGHT. NOW, THAT COMPLETES ALL OF OUR ITEMS.

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6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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8    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW. SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOUR SPECIALS.

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10    **SUP. BURKE:** OH, I HAD MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS AND I DON'T THINK  
11    I HAVE ANY OTHER SPECIALS.

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13    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK SO.

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15    **SUP. BURKE:** OR DIDN'T I DO THEM? I THOUGHT I DID. OKAY. LET ME  
16    DO THEM.

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18    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WAS LAST WEEK.

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20    **SUP. BURKE:** I JOIN IN THE MOTION FOR CRYSTAL GOLDEN JEFFERSON  
21    AND ALSO GRACE WELDON, PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH VALLEY  
22    DEMOCRATIC CLUB WHO SUDDENLY PASSED AWAY LAST WEEKEND. SHE WAS  
23    AN OUTSPOKEN ACTIVIST WHO WAS A GOOD FRIEND, A FORMER TEACHER  
24    AND PROUD, LOVING GRANDMOTHER AND MOTHER. ALL WHO KNEW HER  
25    WILL MISS HER, AND THIS CERTAINLY IS A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN



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1 VERY ACTIVE IN POLITICS AND IN HER COMMUNITY. AND CASS  
2 HERNANDEZ, BROTHER OF ANTHONY T. HERNANDEZ, DIRECTOR OF THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF THE CORONER, AND I KNOW ALL MEMBERS PROBABLY  
4 WANT TO JOIN WITH THAT. PASTOR PALMER DON PALMER OF THE UNITED  
5 CHRISTIAN CHURCH, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST IN THE SECOND DISTRICT  
6 ON 43RD STREET IN LOS ANGELES, PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY, JULY  
7 17TH. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, DOROTHY PALMER. THAT  
8 CONCLUDES MY...

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THOSE  
11 ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR SPECIALS, PLEASE.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
14 MEMORY OF FORD RAINY, VETERAN STAGE ACTOR WHO ALSO APPEARED IN  
15 MANY MOTION PICTURES AND TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS WHO PASSED  
16 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, JAMES, JIM  
17 RAINY, WHO I THINK MANY OF US KNOW IS A REPORTER AND EDITOR AT  
18 THE "L.A. TIMES" FOR MANY YEARS AND HIS WIFE OF 51 YEARS,  
19 ARTIST AND FORMER ACTRESS, SHEILA HAYDEN RAINY, SON, ROBERT  
20 AND DAUGHTER, KATHLEEN AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO ASK THAT  
21 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CHARLES BLISSTON, RESIDENT OF OUR  
22 DISTRICT, DEDICATED VOLUNTEER FOR MANY YEARS ON BEHALF OF THE  
23 SAN FERNANDO SENIOR CITIZEN COMMUNITY WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY  
24 AT THE AGE OF 89. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, BUNNI AND OTHER  
25 FAMILY MEMBERS. GRACE WELDON, A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND CIVIC



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1 LEADER IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.  
2 GRACE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH VALLEY DEMOCRATIC CLUB. SHE  
3 WAS A FORMER SCHOOLTEACHER AND A LOVING MOTHER AND  
4 GRANDMOTHER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY THREE SONS: BILL, RICK AND  
5 TERRY AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. AND ALSO I READ IN THE "NEW  
6 YORK TIMES" YESTERDAY, ODDLY ENOUGH, IT'S NOT THE "L.A.  
7 TIMES," MYRON FLOREN, THE LEGENDARY ACCORDIONIST WITH THE  
8 LAWRENCE WELK ORCHESTRA PASSED AWAY IN ROLLING HILLS OVER THE  
9 WEEKEND AT THE AGE OF 85 I BELIEVE. AND I HATE TO ADMIT IT BUT  
10 I USED TO GET A KICK OUT OF WATCHING HIM. A WASN'T A BIG  
11 LAWRENCE WELK SHOW FAN BUT I LOVED THE ACCORDION AND I USED TO  
12 WATCH HIM PLAY IT AND HE GOT SOME ENJOYMENT OUT OF IT AND HE'S  
13 A REAL PERSONALITY AND MADE A HUGE IMPACT ON THE MUSIC SCENE  
14 FOR SIX DECADES. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. THAT'S  
15 IT.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ME, TOO.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR  
22 SPECIALS.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
25 MEMORY OF MICHAEL DORVICH, WHO WAS THE HEAD PRO-- FORMER HEAD



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1 PRO INSTRUCTOR AT THE L.A. COUNTRY CLUB AND THE ASSISTANT PRO  
2 AT THE BRENTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB WHO PASSED AWAY. A GOOD FRIEND  
3 THAT I HAD WHEN I WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE AND MAN I ADMIRERD,  
4 LEROY LION, HE PASSED AWAY. HIS FATHER, LEROY SENIOR, WAS A  
5 FORMER SUPERVISOR IN ORANGE COUNTY. LEROY SERVED IN WORLD WAR  
6 II AND LATER WAS RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY UNDER THE KOREAN WAR.  
7 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE WHEN HE  
8 WAS ELECTED IN 1953. HE LATER BECAME GENERAL COUNCIL FOR THE  
9 CALIFORNIA RAILROAD ASSOCIATION AND LATER FOR A PRIVATE FIRM  
10 THAT REPRESENTED VARIOUS CLIENTS. ALSO PASTOR JAMES EDWARD  
11 MCELROY. FATHER MCELROY WAS A NATIVE OF ALTADENA, SERVED IN  
12 NUMEROUS CATHOLIC CHURCHES THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE  
13 PASSED AWAY AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL AT THE AGE OF 76. JOSEPH  
14 THOMPSON, FORMER EXECUTIVE WITH LOCKHEED CORPORATION WHO  
15 FOUNDED FIBER RESIN CORPORATION IN BURBANK, WHICH HE SERVED AS  
16 PRESIDENT UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT. HE HAD DEVOTED MANY YEARS TO  
17 THE BOY SCOUTS AND THE SALVATION ARMY, AND WAS A BOARD MEMBER  
18 OF THE GLENDALE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND THE COMMUNITY CONCERT  
19 ASSOCIATION. AND JUDGE WILLIAM ROGER CLAY. PRIOR TO BECOMING A  
20 JUDGE, HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE  
21 DEPARTMENT FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. HE LATER EARNED HIS LAW  
22 DEGREE AND PASSED THE STATE BAR AND HE WORKED FOR THE LOS  
23 ANGELES PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND THEN BECAME A JUDGE OF  
24 THE MUNICIPAL AND SUPERIOR COURT, AND HE SERVED AS THE TRUSTEE  
25 ALSO FOR CENTINELA HOSPITAL FOR MANY YEARS. SO I'LL MOVE AND



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1    SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND A MOTION  
2    THAT I HAVE. MAY 10TH, OUR BOARD HAD APPROVED A 10,000-DOLLAR  
3    REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF  
4    THOSE INVOLVED IN RECENT FREEWAY SHOOTINGS. THAT REWARD  
5    EXPIRED ON AUGUST 8TH. HOWEVER, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL  
6    HAS REQUESTED THAT IT BE EXTENDED AND THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION  
7    TO EXTEND THAT \$10,000 REWARD FOR ANY INFORMATION LEADING TO  
8    THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THOSE INVOLVED IN THE RECENT  
9    FREEWAY SHOOTINGS. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
10   SO ORDERED. ANY OTHER ITEMS? OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY. WE  
11   HAVE A SET-- GO ON. READ IT.

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13   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC HEARING ITEM IS STILL ON THE  
14   TABLE. I UNDERSTAND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE IT FOR A WEEK?  
15   OR...

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17   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONTINUE THAT ITEM. ON THAT ITEM, WE'RE  
18   GOING TO CONTINUE THAT ITEM. WE'RE GOING TO GET A REPORT FROM  
19   COUNTY COUNSEL ON IT AND IT WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK.  
20   IS THAT FAIR? VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. SO WE HAVE NO ONE FOR  
21   PUBLIC COMMENT? OKAY. JOHN LUGO AND EARNEST HOWARD SMITH. I'M  
22   SORRY, DR. ERNEST HOWARD SMITH. PLEASE JOIN US.

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24   **JOHN LUGO:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND CHAIRMAN--  
25   CHAIRPERSON MOLINA. I'M PART OF A MINORITY COMPANY THAT WORKS





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1 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY. I'VE BEEN WITH THEM SINCE  
2 SEPTEMBER OF 1997. AT THIS TIME, I HAVE-- I HAD-- I'VE HAD UP  
3 TO 22 EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR THE COUNTY AND NOW I HAVE 14 AND I  
4 JUST LOST FIVE POSITIONS, WHICH BRINGS ME DOWN TO NINE. I HAD  
5 A INCIDENT WITH THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY REMOVING FIVE OF  
6 MY POSITIONS WITH NO NOTICE OR NO REASON TO AND, WHEN I  
7 BROUGHT UP MY CONTRACT, THEY SAID THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO  
8 GIVE ME A REASON, THEY JUST REMOVED ME. AND I SAID, "WELL, MY  
9 CONTRACT SAYS YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME NOTICE AND WHY DID YOU  
10 REMOVE ME," THEY STATED, "NO, WE DON'T." SO I BROUGHT MY  
11 CONTRACT IN AND I ALSO BROUGHT-- THEY ALSO BROUGHT UP THE FACT  
12 THAT I SAID I SIGNED FOR THE-- THESE POSITIONS AND THEY SAID  
13 NOBODY SIGNS FOR AN AS-NEEDED CONTRACT. WELL, I HAVE A FAX  
14 THEY SENT TO PRUDENTIAL SECURITY STATING TO SIGN A CONTRACT  
15 WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS FOR THOSE POSITIONS.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** KIND OF CONFUSING, HUH?

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19 **JOHN LUGO:** RIGHT. SO I ALSO, THIS MORNING, WHILE COMING TO THE  
20 MEETING, I GOT A CALL FROM GLORIA BALTEMONTES AGAIN, STATING  
21 SHE WANTED ONE OF MY EMPLOYEES TERMINATED. AND I ASKED, "WELL,  
22 WHAT'S THE REASON?" AND SHE SAID, "WELL, I DON'T HAVE TO GIVE  
23 YOU A REASON. BY CONTRACT, I DON'T HAVE TO GIVE YOU ANY  
24 REASON. THEY JUST TERMINATED YOUR EMPLOYEE." AND I SAID,  
25 "WELL, THE MAN ACTUALLY IS HANDICAPPED, HE ONLY HAS ONE EYE



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1 AND HE'S 63, 64 YEARS OLD. AND", I SAID, "I HAVE TO GIVE HIM A  
2 REASON. I JUST CAN'T TERMINATE HIM BECAUSE YOU TELL ME TO."  
3 SHE SAID, "WELL, I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO TERMINATE HIM. I'M  
4 TELLING YOU, JUST REMOVE HIM FROM THE COUNTY CONTRACT BUT I'M  
5 NOT GOING TO GIVE YOU A REASON." I FEEL THAT THE COMPANY IS  
6 OWNED-- MY NAME IS JOHN LUGO, I'M SORRY. MY NAME IS JOHN LUGO.  
7 I'M MEXICAN-AMERICAN, A VIETNAM VET. I'M THE SECURITY CHIEF  
8 FOR THE COMPANY, IT'S TOP SECURITY PATROL INCORPORATED, 4221  
9 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, SUITE 290-1 L.A. 99101.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. LUGO, I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO  
12 SOMEONE IN MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE...

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY STAFF, MR. BELLMAN, WILL SPEAK TO YOU.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ..AND THEY WILL HELP YOU AND HOPEFULLY GET  
17 SOME ANSWERS AS TO WHY YOU'RE GETTING SUCH INCONSISTENT  
18 INFORMATION WHEN YOU HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY.

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20 **JOHN LUGO:** THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MR. LUGO. MR. BELLMAN  
23 WILL TALK TO YOU.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DR. SMITH.



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2 **DR. SMITH:** YES. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO KING DREW AS WELL AS  
3 THE SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY. IN 1973, I COINED A TERM CALLED  
4 "COMMUNITY UNDER SIEGE" AND, AT THAT TIME, WE WERE REALLY  
5 CONCERNED ABOUT GANG VIOLENCE AND I HAD COME TO THAT  
6 CONCLUSION, AFTER HAVING DONE A REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY,  
7 PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE HIGH DEGREE OF DEATHS IN THE  
8 ADOLESCENT POPULATION. AND, AS I BEGAN TO DO THE REVIEW, I  
9 CAME TO ONE CONCLUSION, WHICH I'VE BEEN PREACHING FOR 30  
10 YEARS, THAT THE ISSUE THERE WAS NOT THE DETERIORATION OF  
11 FAMILIES BECAUSE OF SINGLE PARENTING AND ALL THIS KIND OF  
12 THING; RATHER, THAT IT WAS ABOUT LAND AND LAND ACQUISITION AND  
13 IN THAT WHOLE CONCEPT WAS THAT THE COMMUNITY WAS BEING  
14 DISMANTLED. LOOKING AT THE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF  
15 INSTITUTIONS, OF WHICH KING DREW, WHICH WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING  
16 FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, HAS BEEN A KEY PART OF THAT  
17 DISMANTLING. THE COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, COMPTON  
18 COLLEGE, EVEN TO THE POINT OF REMOVING THE NURSING DEPARTMENT  
19 FROM SOUTHWEST COLLEGE, ON DOWN THE LINE, LOOKING AT  
20 CELEBRATIONS IN TERMS OF WATTS FESTIVAL, THE WATTS SUMMER  
21 OLYMPICS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE KEY THINGS THAT MAKE A COMMUNITY  
22 VITAL AND GIVE IT HEART HAVE BEEN KIND OF RIPPED OUT. AND MOST  
23 IMPORTANTLY IS THE KILLING OF THE PEOPLE, AND ESPECIALLY IN  
24 THE LAST YEAR OR SO, WE'VE SEEN SO MUCH INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT  
25 OF INDISCRIMINATE DEATH AND ALWAYS IT'S A MATTER OF DRUG WAR,



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1 WHICH IS NEVER BEEN PROVEN OR GANG VIOLENCE, WHICH IS NEVER  
2 PROVEN. BUT NO ONE EVER WANTS TO DEAL WITH DEVELOPERS AND REAL  
3 ESTATE AGENTS AND OTHER PEOPLE WHOSE GREED WOULD BE LOOKING AT  
4 LARGE TRACTS OF LAND, ESPECIALLY BEAUTIFUL HOMES, ET CETERA,  
5 ET CETERA, THAT ARE OPEN FOR DEVELOPMENT. AND IT COMES DOWN  
6 EVEN TO THE POINT NOW WHERE PEOPLE ARE WONDERING ABOUT THE  
7 HOUSING PROJECTS AND WHETHER THEY SHALL BE TORN DOWN AND THAT  
8 THEY NEED TO BE REDEVELOPED. MY MAJOR POINT BEING THAT I FEEL  
9 THAT A HANDLE NEEDS TO BE GOTTEN ON ALL OF THIS RANDOM KILLING  
10 GOING ON IN SOUTH CENTRAL. MANY OF US WHO ARE WORKING AT KING  
11 DREW ARE NO LONGER THERE, THAT INSTITUTION IS NO LONGER ABLE  
12 TO BE A BUFFER TO ASSUAGE THE COMMUNITY OR EVEN TO EDUCATE, SO  
13 IT MEANS IT THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING THAT STEPS UP, THAT  
14 BEGINS TO RELOOK AT THAT WHOLE ISSUE OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN  
15 SOUTH CENTRAL IN TERMS OF LAND DEVELOPMENT, IN TERMS OF THE  
16 PEOPLE THAT ARE TRYING TO GET A FOOT STRONGHOLD, IN TERMS OF  
17 FAMILIES, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. THE AMOUNT OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS  
18 THAT WILL COME FROM ALL OF THIS DISRUPTION WILL PROJECT YOU  
19 FOR 50 YEARS TRYING TO CLEAN IT UP. SO WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT  
20 SOCIAL SERVICES, TRYING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT ADOLESCENTS,  
21 TRYING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT FAMILY BUT WE NEVER DO THE THINGS  
22 THAT WOULD PREVENT THE DETERIORATION OF INTACT SITUATIONS. SO  
23 MY MAJOR POINT IS TO THROW TO THE COUNTY THAT YOU NEED TO  
24 BEGIN TO RETHINK SUCH THINGS AS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT  
25 AGENCIES, SUCH THINGS AS DEVELOPERS, RETHINK THE DEFINITION OF



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1 GANGS AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING AGAINST GANG VIOLENCE, LOOKING AT  
2 ORIGINS OF THOSE KINDS OF THINGS, LOOKING AT FAMILY  
3 PRESERVATION IN TERMS OF NOT SO MUCH PRESERVING AS MUCH AS  
4 WHAT IT'S TEARING APART. SO I'M HERE THEN TO SAY THAT, AS I  
5 NOTICE YOUR KING DREW SITUATION BEGINS TO GO QUIET OF QUIET  
6 AND IT BEGINS TO BE EITHER DOWNSIZED OR PRIVATELY DEVELOPED,  
7 THAT THE WHOLE CHANGE IN TERMS OF WHAT'S GOING TO BE GOING ON  
8 IN THAT COMMUNITY IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE REEVALUATED FOR THE  
9 SAKE OF THE CHILDREN.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, DR. SMITH. ALL RIGHT.  
12 THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF THE ITEMS BEFORE-- BEFORE US TODAY, SO,  
13 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, WE ARE ADJOURNED. AND THERE'S NO  
14 CLOSED SESSION. THE ONE ITEM IS CONTINUED TO NEXT WEEK.

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